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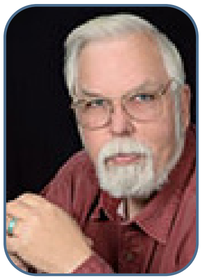

President's Message

by Chuck Lind, MMR
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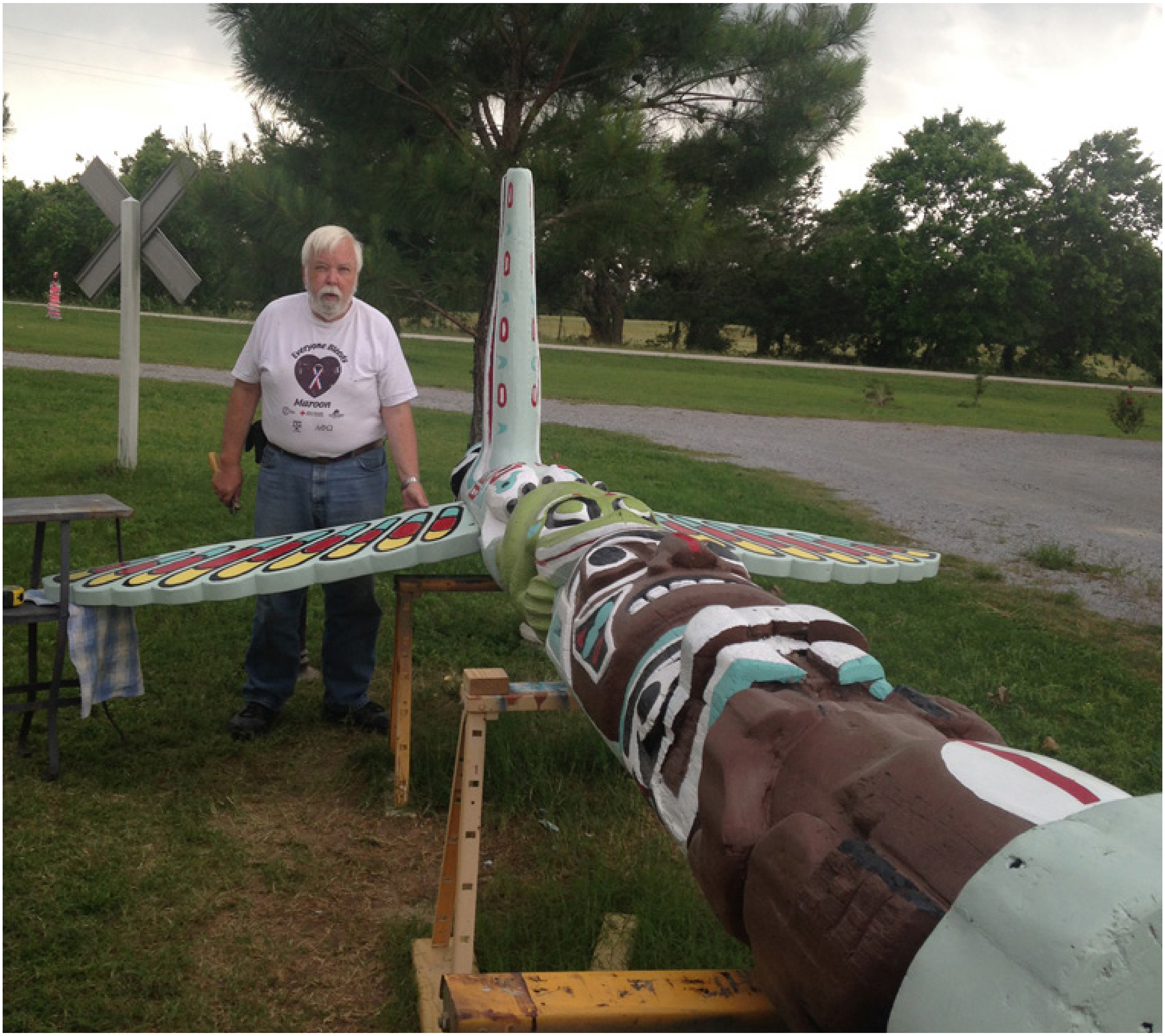
Welcome to a very strange year 2020. We are learning about social distancing and how to wash our hands, something I think my mother taught me to do many years ago. I don't know what kind of crystal ball Bob Barnett had when he planned the LSR Convention to be in February but it worked. The National NMRA Convention along with many of the Region conventions are being canceled due to the pandemic as we all wait and see what is next.

With all that is happening people still want to get together so Zoom meetings have suddenly became the way to still visit and see other modelers. Several of the Divisions have started doing there monthly meetings using this platform as well as the San Jac club in my area. I have participated in several and saw some great clinics that I may not have seen since they were out of my Division. If you get a chance give it a try, not the same as meeting face to face but at least you can still learn something and you get to see someone other than your spouse,

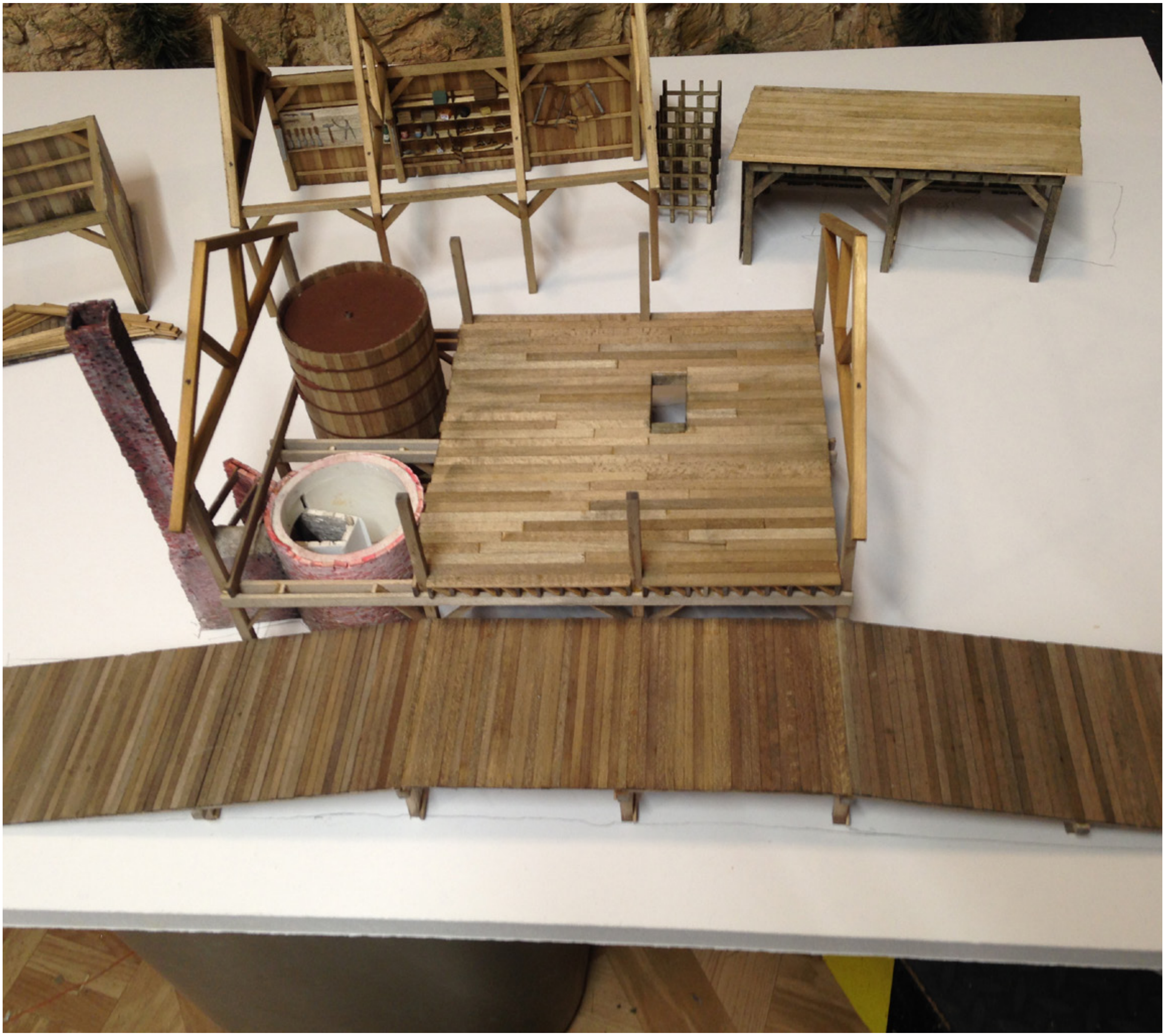
First, I would like to welcome some new members to the LSR Board. Phil Stewart takes over as the Division 8 Director, Pete Leach and Darrell Cowles are the new Directors at Large. Pete has also taken over as our Nomination Chair, so if you are thinking about running for an office contact Pete. Due to the self-distancing rules and travel restrictions we will be having our June Board Meeting via Zoom conferencing. The meeting will take place at 1PM on June 6th. It is an open meeting so LSR members are welcome to listen in on the meeting. Due to some issues with Zoom Bombing if you are a member and want to listen in please contact you Division Director and he will supply you information on what you will need to do, if you just try to get on without following this step you will be deleted by the moderator if you name is not on the list.



At the last Board meeting in February it was approved to have a joint convention with the MCoR folks. The tentative date for the convention is June 16-19, 2021 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The convention will start on Thursday evening with several layout open for operations Wednesday evening and Thursday morning and afternoon. The co-chairs for the convention will be Marc LaChey from the LSR and Ken Ehlers from MCoR. Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend what looks to be a great convention with new layouts to see and new clinics to learn from. Since we have all been self-distancing and not able to go anywhere there should be a bumper crop of new models in the contest room.

Jim Lemmond has stepped down as Director but is still involved with our youth program. Please look for active youth in your region and get with Jim on nominating them for the Youth Award. This past year we had a couple of youth that we recognized, surely you have some active young people in your in your Division, let's keep Jim busy.

With the stay at home I am getting some of the projects done around the house that I kept putting of until I had time. Guess what Laurie reminded me I have time now. I have also been working on several other projects. I was asked by our local Boy Scout Camp Arrowmoon if I could repair their totem pole that had seriously decayed over the past 50 years out in



the weather. The wings along with several other parts have fallen off many years ago. I said yes to the project and a utility truck showed up at the house with the pole. After several weeks of work the pole is ready to return to the camp. I have also been working on a couple of projects for the Southern Forest Heritage Museum in Long Leaf, Louisiana. The museum has acquired a Naval Store building and have asked me to build a display showing the process. Don't know what a Naval Store is? It was in the southern forest they took the sap from the pine trees and made turpentine and rosin. It was done using heat to separate the two. Think of a very large moonshine still and you have how it works. The vapors boiled off and went up as steam and collected into a pipe that coiled through water to cool the steam back into a liquid, creating turpentine. The thick liquid left in the kettle was the rosin. Rosin was very important in the wooden boat era to seal the boats, hence the name Naval Stores. I have also been asked to rebuild the doors for two of the steam engines at the museum that are going through a cosmetic restoration the 106 and the 202.

Hope all our members stay safe and hopefully we can all get together soon.

Found time and permission

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The project line up

Finding time to do the things I really want to do is tough on a day-to-day basis. I'm spread too thinly between many worthwhile projects and interests beyond the necessary responsibilities of everyday life in an ever more complicated world. So having the bottom drop out of normal life has left me with quite a lot of found time.

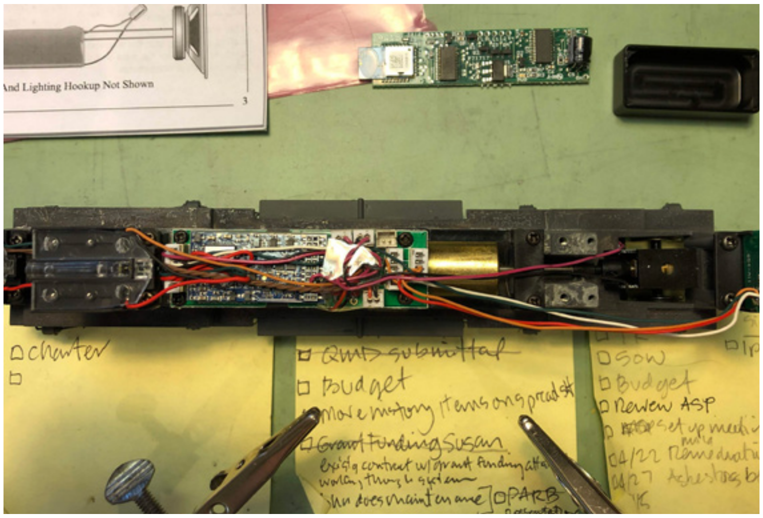
Having the world slow down so dramatically and so quickly is disastrous on a global scale, and consequently on a personal level, it has put things into perspective.

For the first time in several years I've been able to do nothing in my non-working hours if I desire. The cancellation of most of my usual evening and weekend activities for two months now has left a lot of free head space, and it has led to unfettered and guiltless calm.

With the calm has come not only the time to accomplish pleasurable pursuits, but the quality of my found time has also increased tremendously. This has certainly raised the question of slowing down life to enjoy it.

Modelling wise, I've started a program of locomotive servicing including installing decoders and converting to battery power. Usually I have a half or maybe full hour here or there to squeeze in work on a layout project, but the new found time has made it possible for me to focus for an entire evening or afternoon at a time on a project. And all of the sudden I'm doing better work, more easily, and getting more pleasure out of it.

A Bowser Executive Line U25b getting a decoder and battery power



None of this is surprising to me at all, but what is surprising is that I had forgotten how good it feels. The obvious question I am left with is, when the normal crazy version of the world resumes, will I be able to give myself permission to slow down and enjoy life on my terms?

Riley

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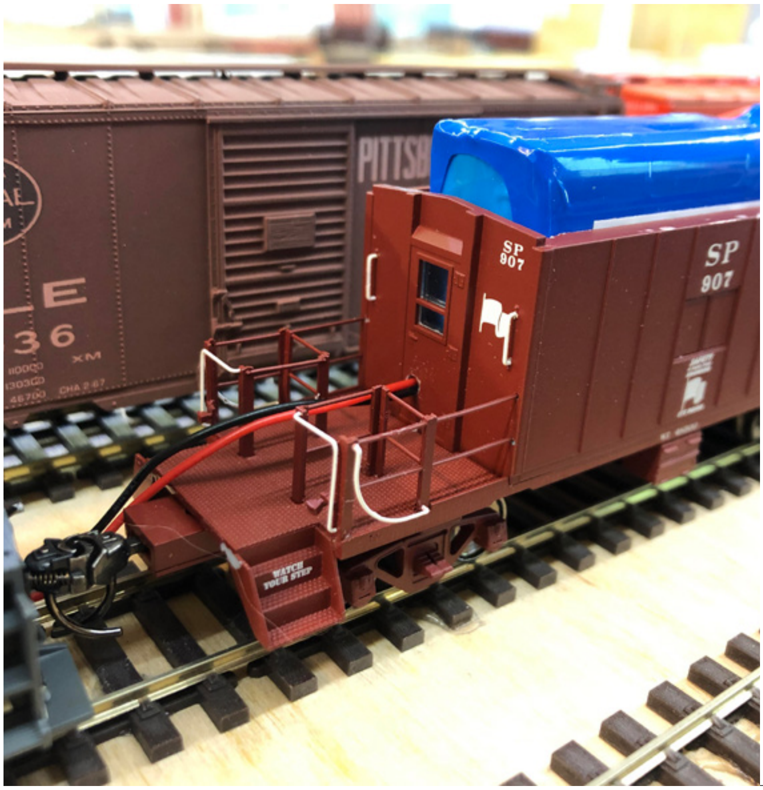
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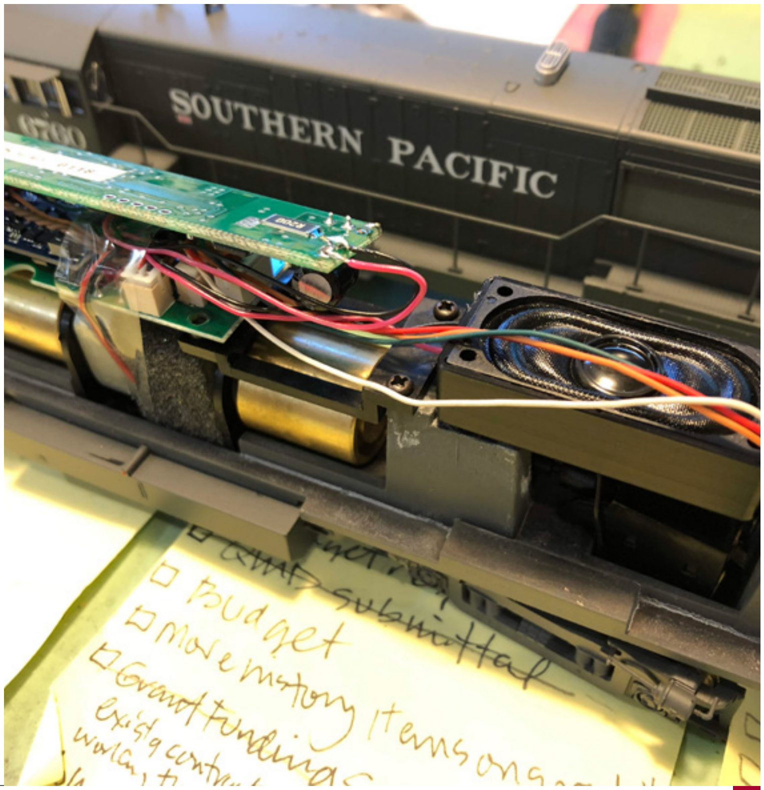
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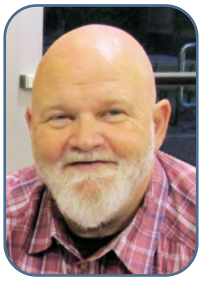
Up the Tracks Events Calendar



By Bill Dryden
NMRA & LSR Life Member

DISCLAIMER in light of COVID-19

I have visited each of the web sites provided herein and the only cancellation I found was the one noted. However, you should (re)verify any event you are interested in attending before traveling to it.

Here are upcoming events within the LSR of which I am aware. I will provide all the information YOU send me or I can glean from other publications, websites, etc., for these events. Additional information may be available through the NMRA Scale Rails and/or various trade magazines or various websites. Also, note that all show times and dates are at the discretion of the sponsoring organization and are subject to change. Please forward any and all information about upcoming events or activities in your area, club, etc., to me via e-mail at bdr149@airmail.net.

Lone Star Region 2021 Annual Convention
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RECURRING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

LSR Division 2 -– Metairie, LA
LSR Division 2 meets on Mondays between July 30th to October 1st at the Crescent City Model Railroad Club, 601 N. Lester Ave in Metairie, LA 70003 at 6:30 PM for Modular Monday. For more information contact Ken Mason at series9parts@cox.net.

LSR Division 3 - Trinity River Division – Allen
The Trinity River Division meets on the Third Saturday of every month at the Christ Servant Lutheran Church, Allen Texas. Occasionally things change due to scheduling conflicts so pay close attention to the email meeting notices that go out a week before the meeting. If you would like to be added to the email list contact Donna Orr at donnalorrtx@gmail.com.

LSR Division 4 – Cen-Tex Division – Austin
The Cen-Tex Division meets bi-monthly at the Austin Northwest Recreational Center, 2913 Northland Drive, Austin, TX. Meetings are held at 10:00 am on the Second Saturday of the odd months and include clinics, show-and-tell, DCC minute, social activities and a layout open house. For more information about upcoming meetings, see http://centexnmra.org or contact director@centexnmra.org to be added to the mail list.

LSR Division 8 - Texas Gulf Division – Houston
The Texas Gulf Division presents hands-on-clinics every second Saturday of each month at the Bayland Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. The clinic times are 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All are welcome. To be added to the Division 8 mailing list contact Jim Lemmond at jimlem@comcast.net. The Division 8 web site is http://texasgulfdivision.org/

Alamo Model Railroad Engineers - San Antonio
The Alamo Model Railroad Engineers meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Zucht Building at the Texas Transportation Museum, 11791 Wetmore Rd., San Antonio TX. For more information call Peter Shavney (210) 317-3661 or Gene Turner (210) 355-2777; or visit the web site www.alamomodelrailroadengineers.com.

Austin Model Railway Society - Austin
The Austin Model Railway Society is a HO scale modular group that is open to new members and meets once a month. For more information please email Riley Triggs at president@austinrailway.org or visit the web site www.austinrailway.org.

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New Braunfels Railroad Museum

Kids Fun Day is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. New Braunfels Railroad Museum, 302 South San Antonio Street, in the 1907 Restored Railroad Depot; New Braunfels, TX. Museum phone (830) 627-2447. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to run model trains and become a Jr. Engineer. Also among the displays at the Kids Fun Day will be a large US Army Model Garden (G) Scale and Lego Trains. Visit our Steam Engine, Caboose, Dining Car (available for Birthday Parties) and Box Car. There will be other fun, train related activities, additional model trains, train artifacts, our 1907 depot are on display. The Railroad Museum opens at 10:00 am on Saturdays. For field trip scheduling and more information, call Howard Young (210) 542-6121, or visit us at www.nbrrm.org.

North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs – Irving

The North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs (NTC) meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Visit the website www.dfwtrainshows.com for more information about the NTC, its meeting site or member clubs.

Texas Northern Model Railroad Club – Plano

The Texas Northern Model Railroad Club business meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month and for regular meetings on Thursday evenings and most Saturdays. If you like to operate, come by on Tuesday nights to check on our progress in setting up operations. Located in Colin Creek Mall, Plano, TX, outside JC Penney's on the lower level. For more information: http://texasnorthern.org/

Texas Western Model Railroad Club – Forest Hills

The Texas Western Model Railroad Club meets for its business meeting every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The Club is located at 6808 Forest Hills Drive, Forest Hills, TX. For more information: (682) 587-2092 or www.twmrc.org or email cdo@twmrc.org.

EVENTS AND SHOWS

May

CANCELLED

23rd – 24th 24 Hours @ Saginaw. Come watch trains for 24 Hours with us on Friday, 7:00 p.m., through Saturday, 7:00 p.m.. over Memorial Day Weekend at the Saginaw Heritage Center (the depot) 301 S. Saginaw Blvd. in Saginaw, TX. More information: http://www.ntxnrhs.org/

June

27th July 1st Red River Railway Prototype Modelers Meet. (Presented by the Texas Railway Modeling & Historical Society and the Cowcatcher Division of the LSR/NMRA). Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM. Admission $20. Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita Street, Forest Hill, TX. More information: https://trmhs.org/.

September

5th Toy Train & Swap Meet. (Presented by Lone Star Division/Train Collectors Association). Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Collin College Central Park Campus Conference Center, 2200 W. University Drive, McKinney, TX. More information: contact Jon Dell'Antonio @ (972) 540-5067.

5th – 6th Austin Area Train Show 2020. Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults $7, Children 12 and under FREE with adult. Williamson County Expo Center, 5350 Bill Pickett Trail, Taylor, TX. More information: info@austintrainshow.org or https://austintrainshow.org/.

5th – 6th Clark Gardens Opening Weekend Model Train Show. Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults $9, over 65 $7, Children 4-12 $5, 3 and under FREE. 567 Maddux Road, Weatherford, TX. More information: https://www.clarkgardens.org/.

12th Toy Train & Swap Meet. (Presented by Lone Star Division Gulf Coast Chapter/Train Collectors Association). Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX. More information: www.tca-gulfcoastchapter.org.

19th – 20th 38th Annual Temple Model Train Show. Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Adults $7, $1 discount for seniors and active duty military and dependents with ID, 12 and under Free. Frank Mayborn Center, 3303 N. 3rd Street, Temple, TX. More information: www.centramod.rr.com.

October

31st – Nov. 1st 12th Annual Fall Train Show. (Sponsored by New Braunfels Railroad Museum). Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults $8 (14 & older), Child $2 (3-13 years old). New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 South Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX. More information: http://newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/nbrr/train-shows/.

Excursion Train Trips

Austin Steam Train; Cedar Park, TX; (512) 477-8468; www.austinsteamtrain.org

Grapevine Vintage Railroad; Grapevine, TX; (817) 410-3185; www.gvrr.com

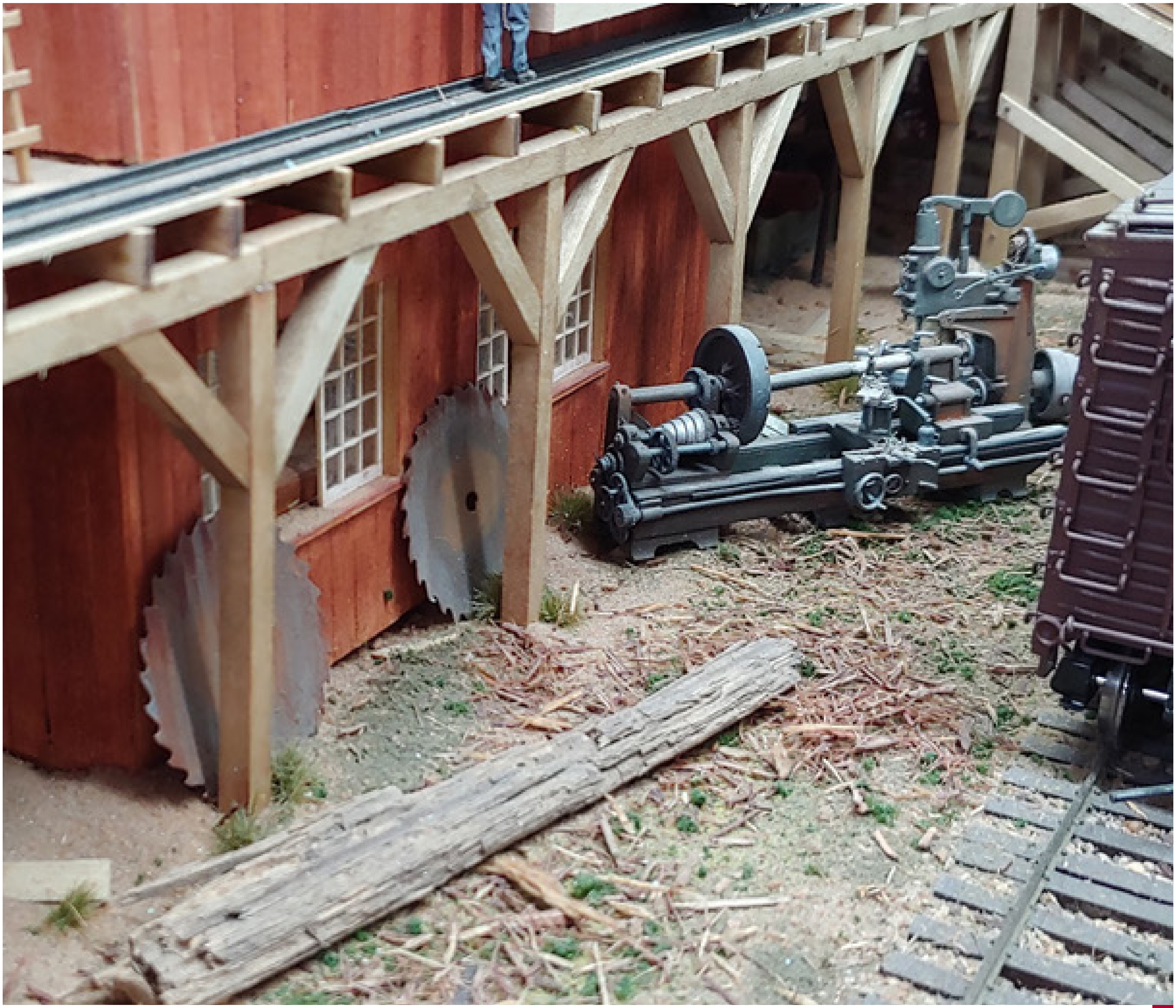
Old Hickory Railroad; Jackson, LA; (225) 634-7397; www.louisianasteamtrain.com

Texas State Railroad; Palestine & Rusk, TX; (888) 987-2461; www.texasstaterr.com

Please consider our deadlines for submittals and publications to allow adequate lead time to correctly announce your event – Column submission deadlines are the 15th of January, April, July and October; publication of the Marker Lamp is the middle of the following month.

Who’s track goes there?

You tell me who’s layout this big photo is from, and I give the first person to email me the correct answer at rrrduino@huntatrophy.com a campfire lighting Arduino next time we meet!



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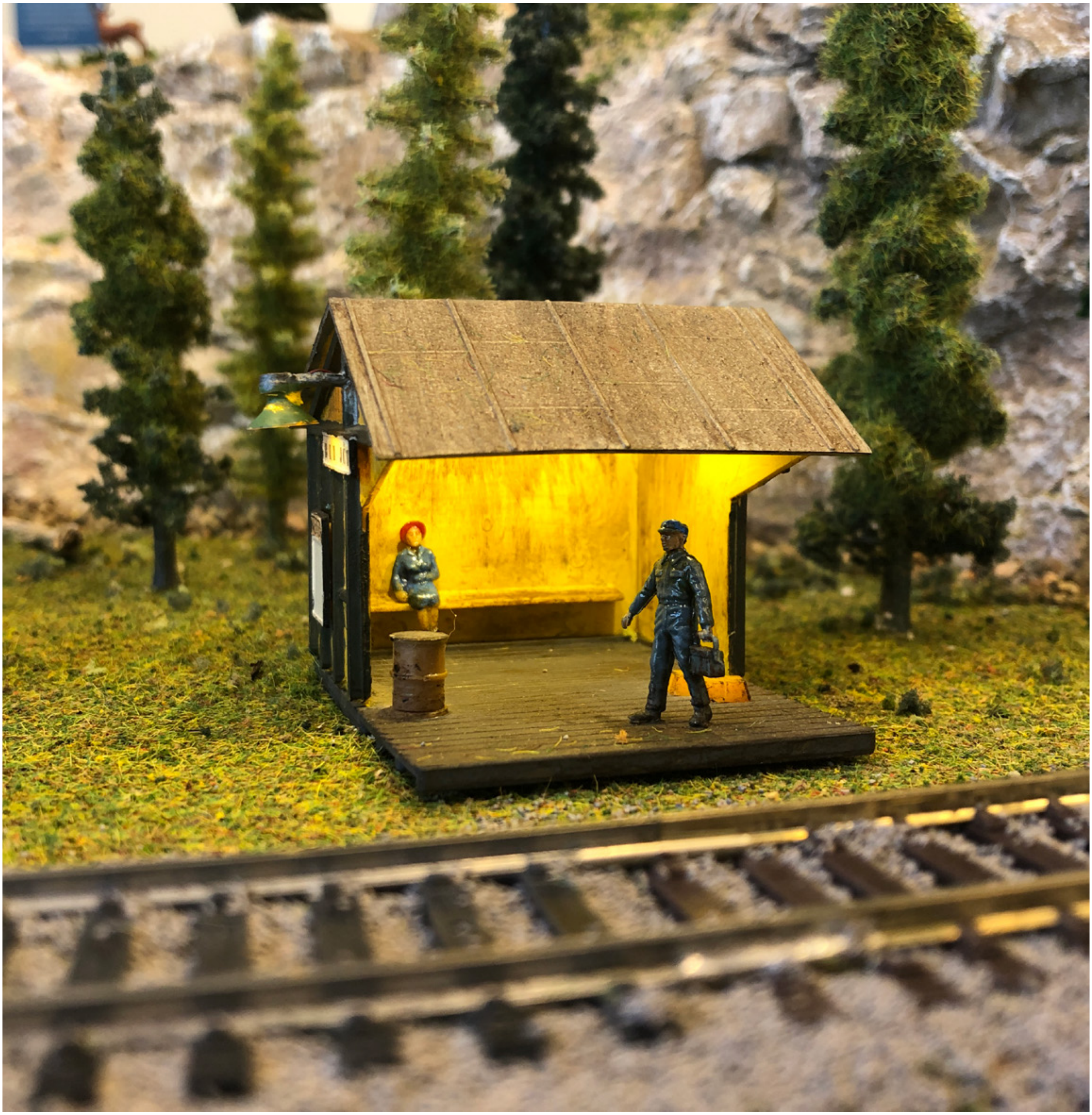

Country stop

By Riley Triggs

Synopsis of the LSR 2019 Convention

By Donna Orr, 2019 Convention Chair

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For those of you that were not able to attend the 2019 LSR NMRA Convention – The Texas Special - here is a summary of the event, held June 27-30, 2019.

We decided to change the convention is several ways. We made it shorter, all clinics were on Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday morning. Operations were on Thursday and Friday. We had the Museum of the American Railroad tour on Saturday afternoon with pictures on the BIGBOY, and then a desert buffet on Saturday evening with the awards.

Our guest speaker was Rosa Walston Latimer, award winning author of a series of books about the History of the Harvey Houses and their influence on the railroad communities. And Sunday was for touring members layouts.

None of this would have been accomplished without the following individuals:
Publicity Chair – Rickey Allinen
Registration Chair – Chris Atkins
Contest room Thomas Stevens
Tech manager and Operating Sessions – Gert (Speed) Muller (19 operations layouts)
Clinic Chair – Chuck Lind
Convention Treasurer and Web master – Jeff Palmer
Photographer – Dave Lamberts
Non Rail chairs – Vickie Price and Laurie Lind
Audio chair – Dave Podhrasky
Video Chair – Bill Fritz
Layout tour chair – Nelson Cain. (16 layouts were available)
Contest Judging – Duane Richardson
Time Table – Jerry Hoverson
Convention volunteers – Alan Price, Bill Huebner, Brian Lingle, David Grein, Dennis Rice, John Garfield, Ken Kaiser, Nathan Oxhandler, and Rachel Price.

I want to thank all that helped in putting together a successful convention and to all those that attended.

Following are some pictures of the event. ML

Ahhhh, air conditioning

LSR Model Contest Awards
LONE STAR REGION
CONVENTION
FRISCO, TX
DRURY
HOTELS
Award time

Boy! it's hot out here.

Santa Fe
E.C.W.T.
Caboose

Clinic time

Clinic crowd

Dark clinic

Packed clinic

Contest room

Contest judges

Judges judging

Dessert time

Discussion

Guess what this is

Hi, guys

Hope the fire marshal isn't around

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Comfy seats

Dry bar?

Styling

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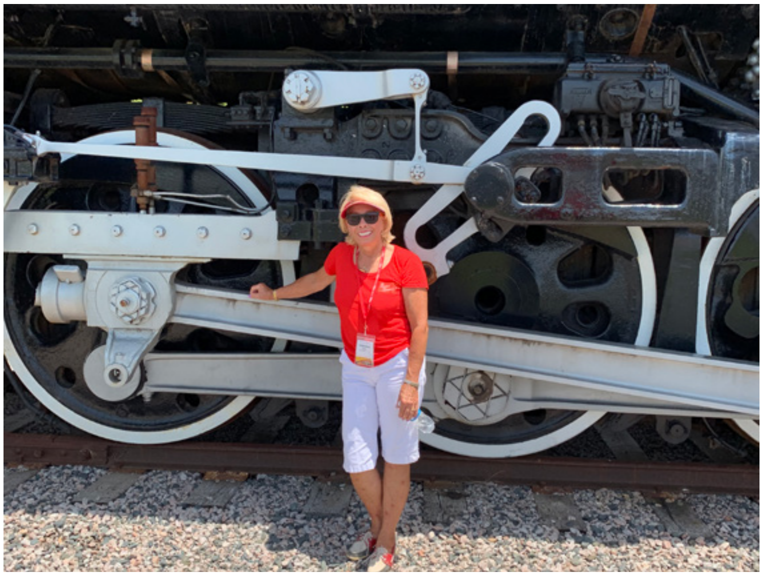

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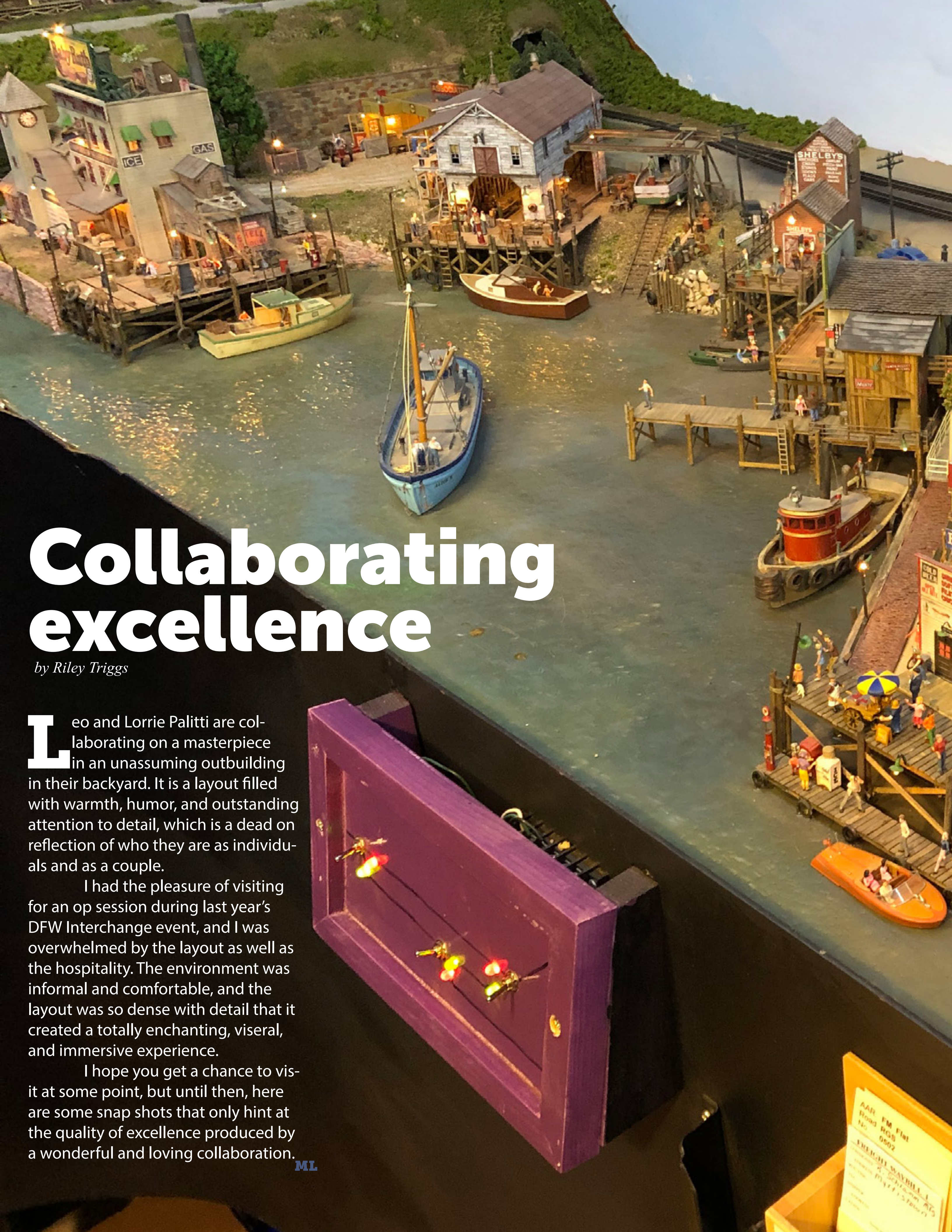

Collaborating excellence

by Riley Triggs

Leo and Lorrie Palitti are collaborating on a masterpiece in an unassuming outbuilding in their backyard. It is a layout filled with warmth, humor, and outstanding attention to detail, which is a dead on reflection of who they are as individuals and as a couple.

I had the pleasure of visiting for an op session during last year's DFW Interchange event, and I was overwhelmed by the layout as well as the hospitality. The environment was informal and comfortable, and the layout was so dense with detail that it created a totally enchanting, viseral, and immersive experience.

I hope you get a chance to visit at some point, but until then, here are some snap shots that only hint at the quality of excellence produced by a wonderful and loving collaboration.

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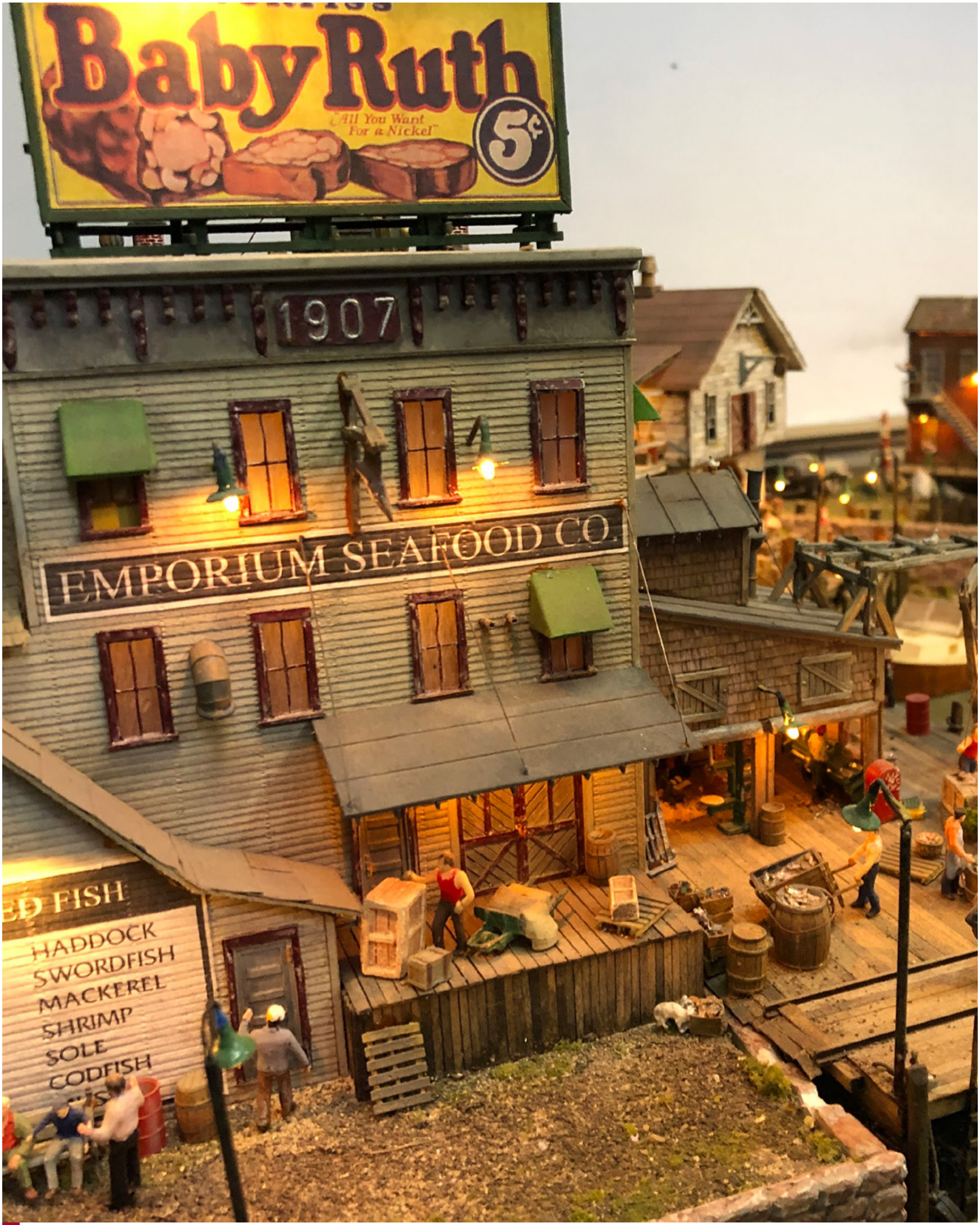
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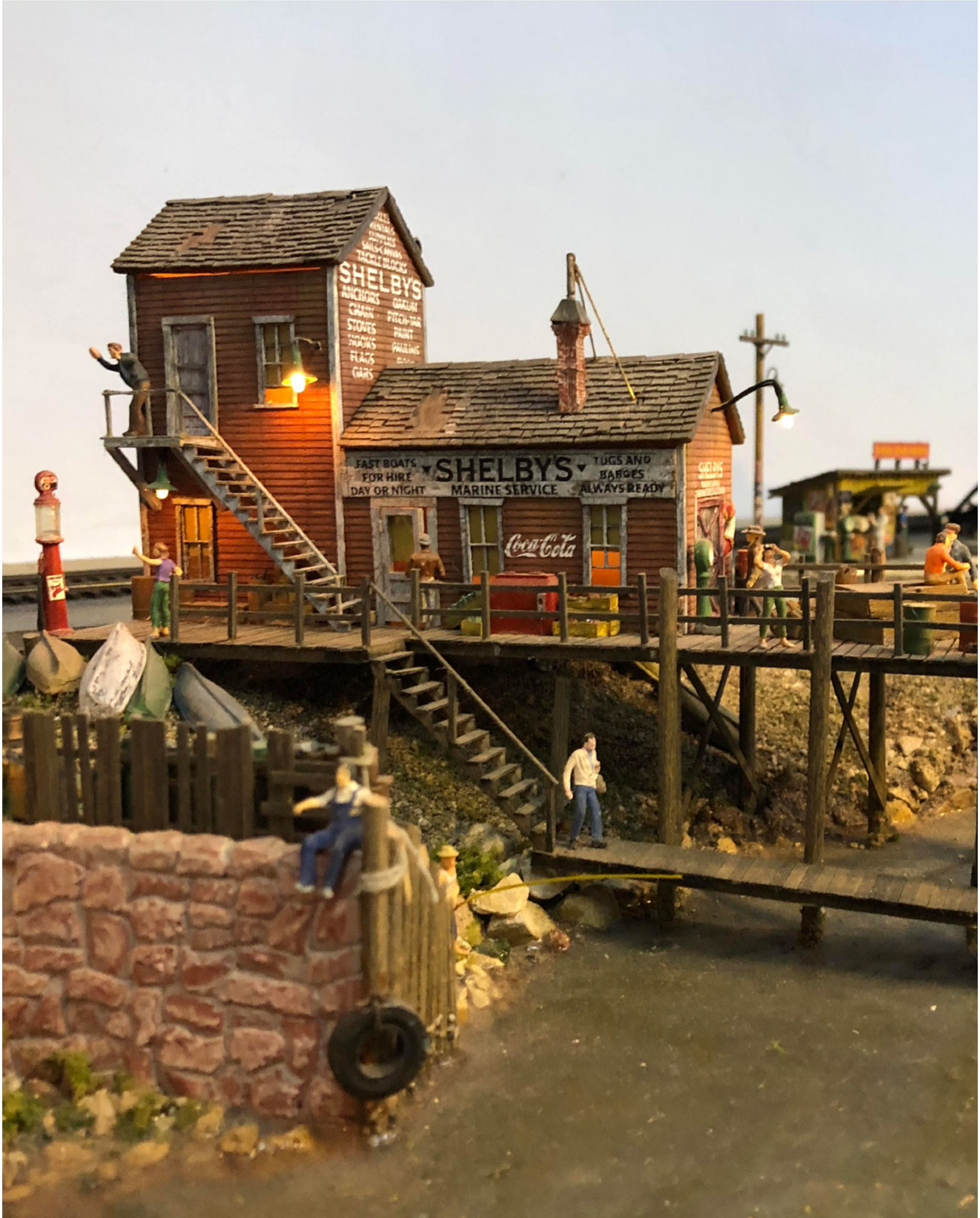
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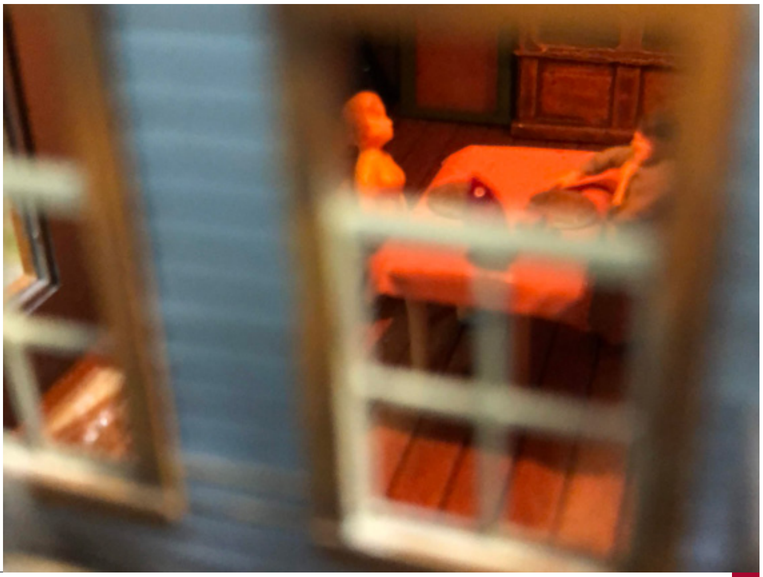

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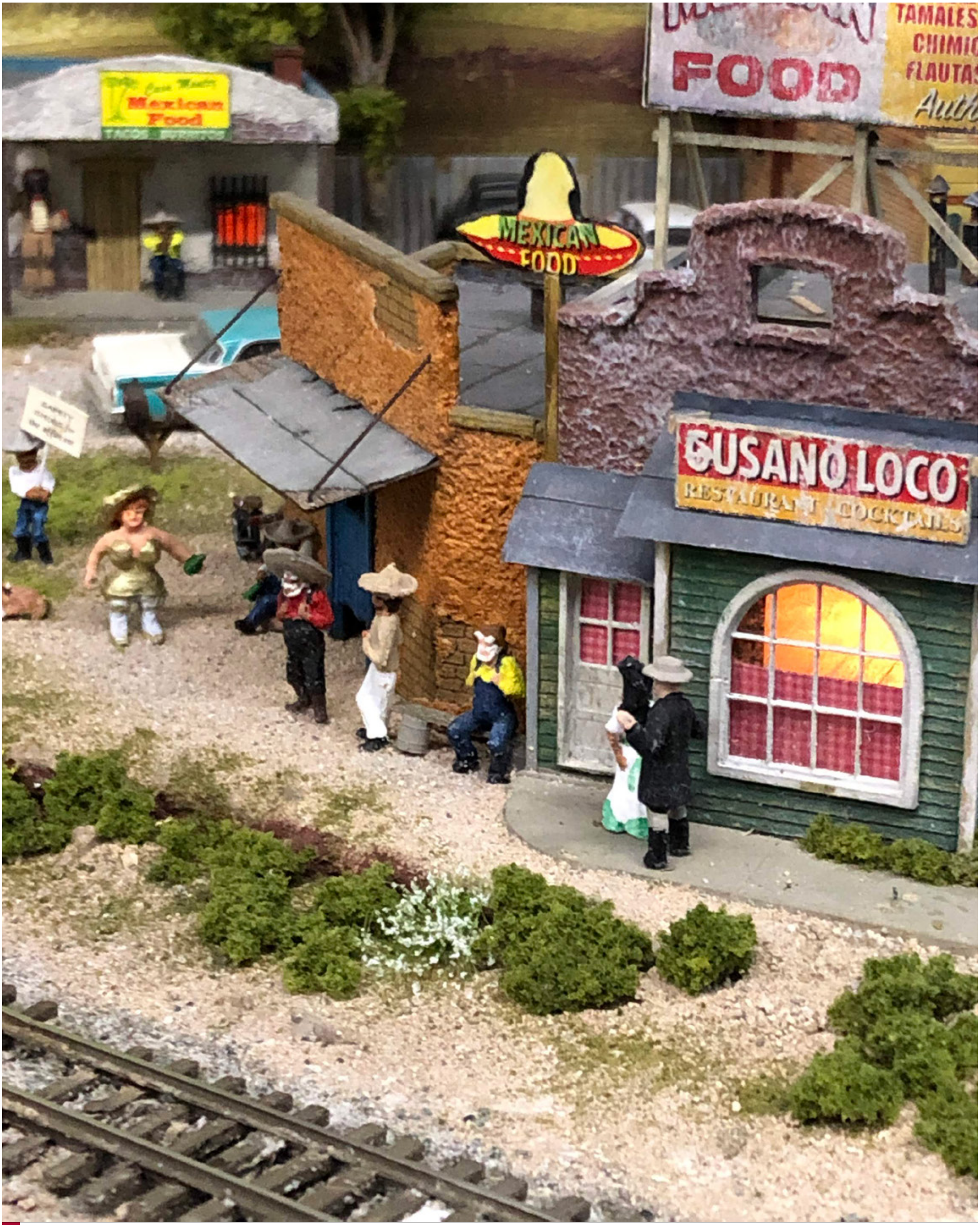
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How to Build a Telephone and Light Pole

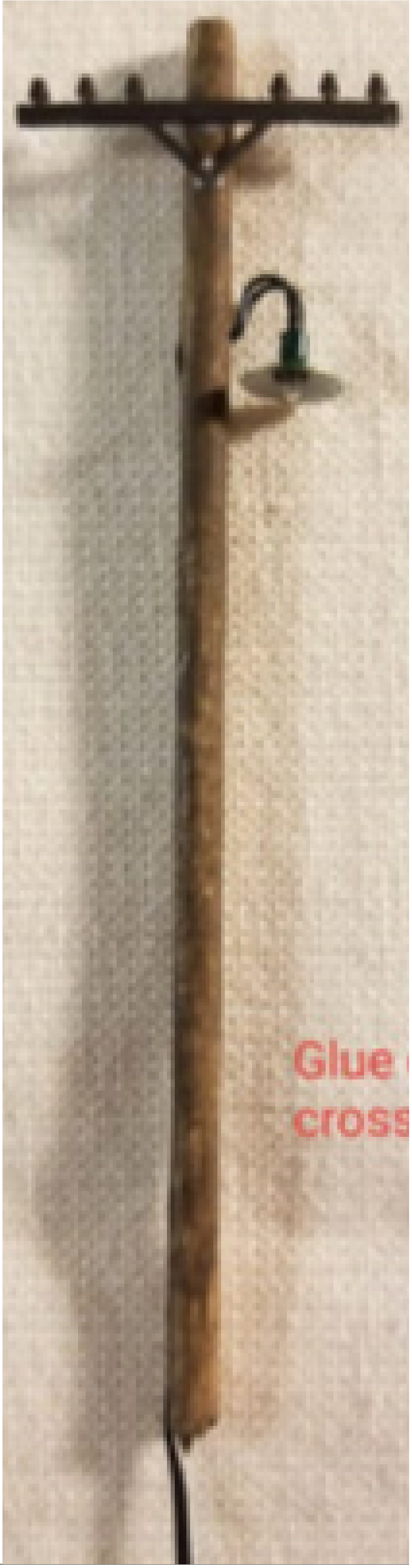
By Leo & Lorrie Palitti

Tools Needed

Xacto w/ #11 blade
Drill and small bit
Mat for cutting on
Weldbond Glue
Reamer
Sanding stick
Clamps
Scale ruler

Materials Needed

1/8" Dowel Rod
Brass Lamp shades (Miniatronics Corp, Model 72-110-10)
Incandescent Lamps -Clear (Miniatronics Corp, Model 18-C03-10)
Utility Ple Crossarms & Brace (SS Ltd, #2393)
Black Bear Bear Acrylic wood stain
Spray paint:
    Krylon Camouflage Earth
    Flat White matte
    Hunter Green



Incandescent Lamps-Clear
Miniatronics Corp.
Brass Lampshades
Miniatronics Corp.

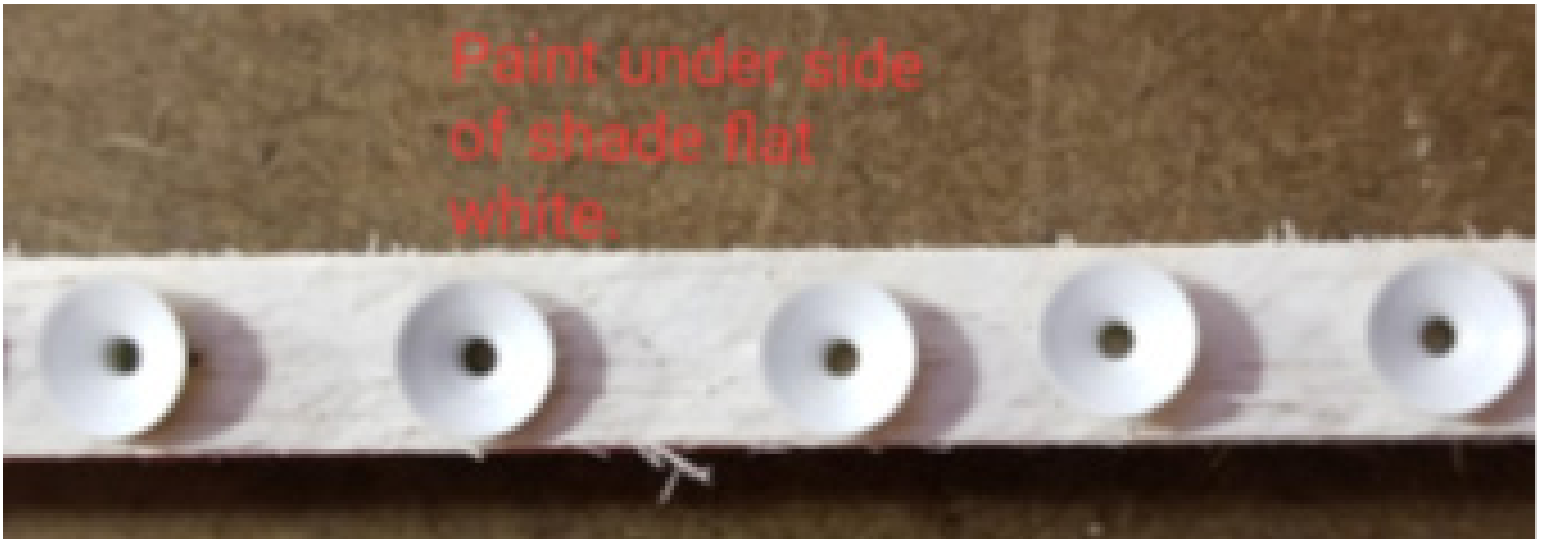
PLEASE NOTE: Use multiple passes with your Xacto blade to get a nice even cut. Yes, you can cut the wood with one

Step 1

Take the utility pole cross arms and clean the flash from the pieces then spray paint them the color of your choice, I use Krylon Camouflage Earth.

Step 2

Take the lampshades out and place on your 1/2" x 1/2" balsa wood paint stick with the under side facing up and spray paint them the color of your choice, I use flat white matte.



Step 3

Next cut your 1/8" dowel into 4" lengths and paint them with the color of your choice, I use Black Bear Bear Acrylic wood stain.

Step 4

After the dowel is dried measure 1" down from the top of your pole and drill a small hole through the center of the pole. This is where you will feed the wire through for the bulb.

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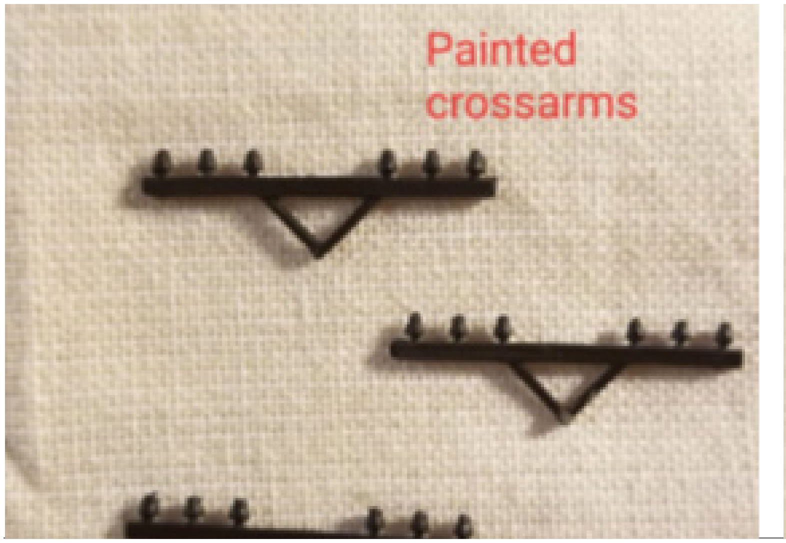
Step 6

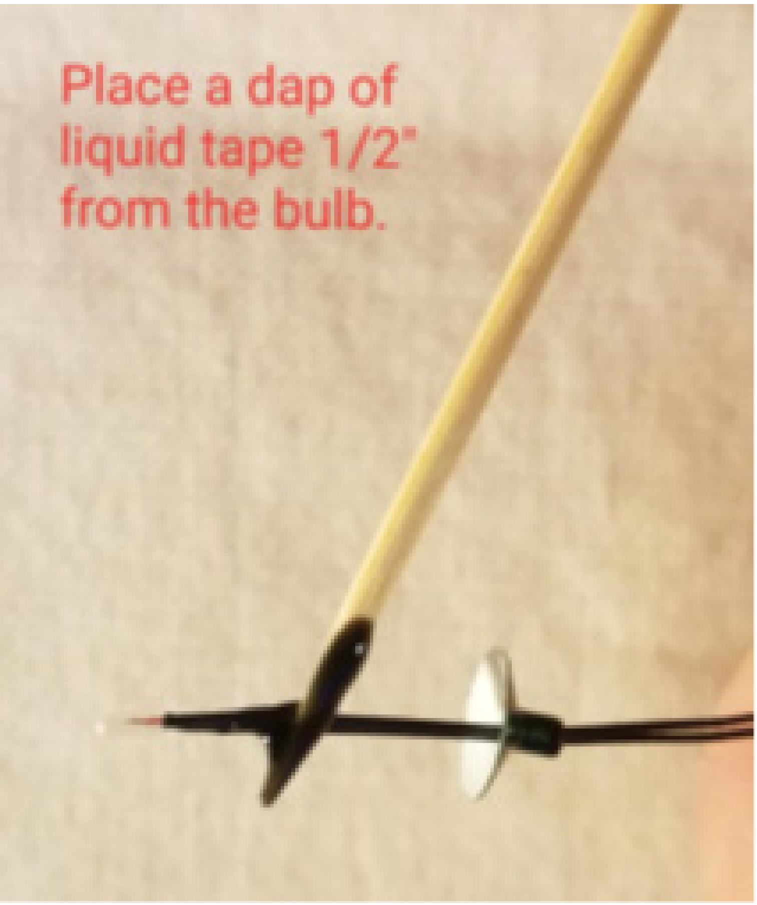
The lampshade should be dry now, remove from your paint stick. Place two sided tape on your paint stick and place your lamp shades top side up and spray paint them to the color of your choice - I used hunter green.



Paint top side of lamp shade hunter green.

Step 7

Next get your bulb and feed it through the bottom of the lamp shade and then take the liquid tape and dab it on the wire about 1/4″ down from the bulb. Next, gently pull the wire through the shade until the bulb is set in place. Let dry.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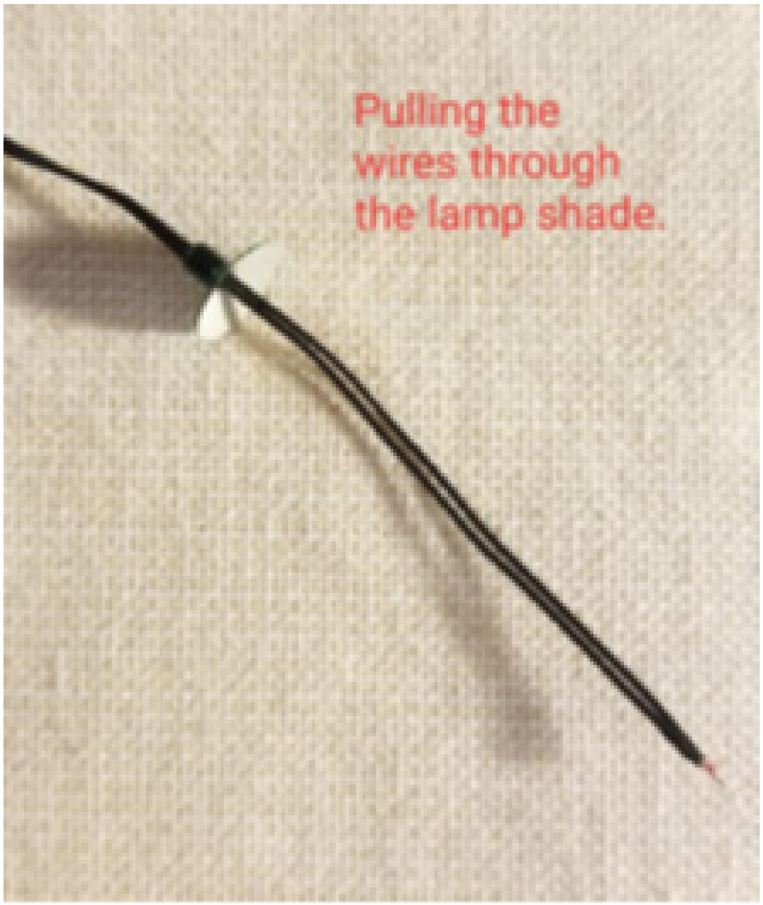
Pulling the
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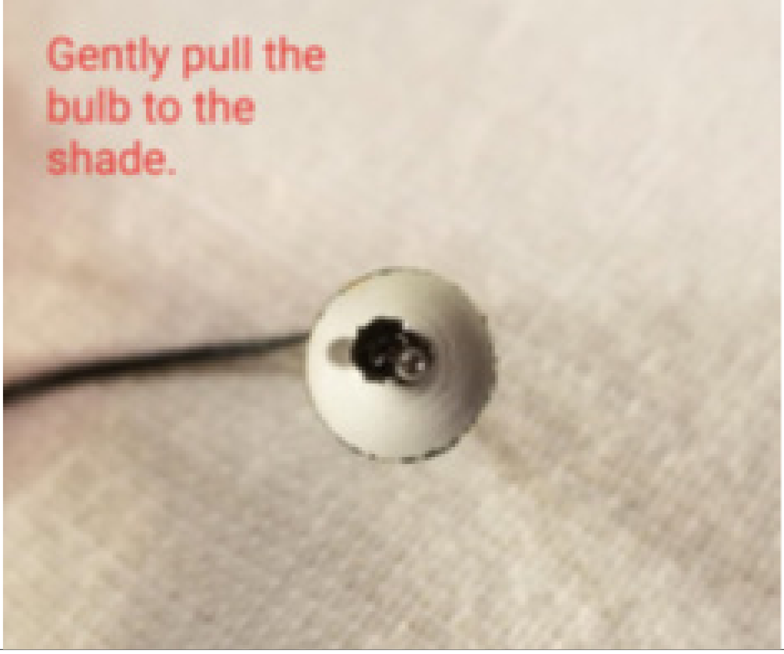
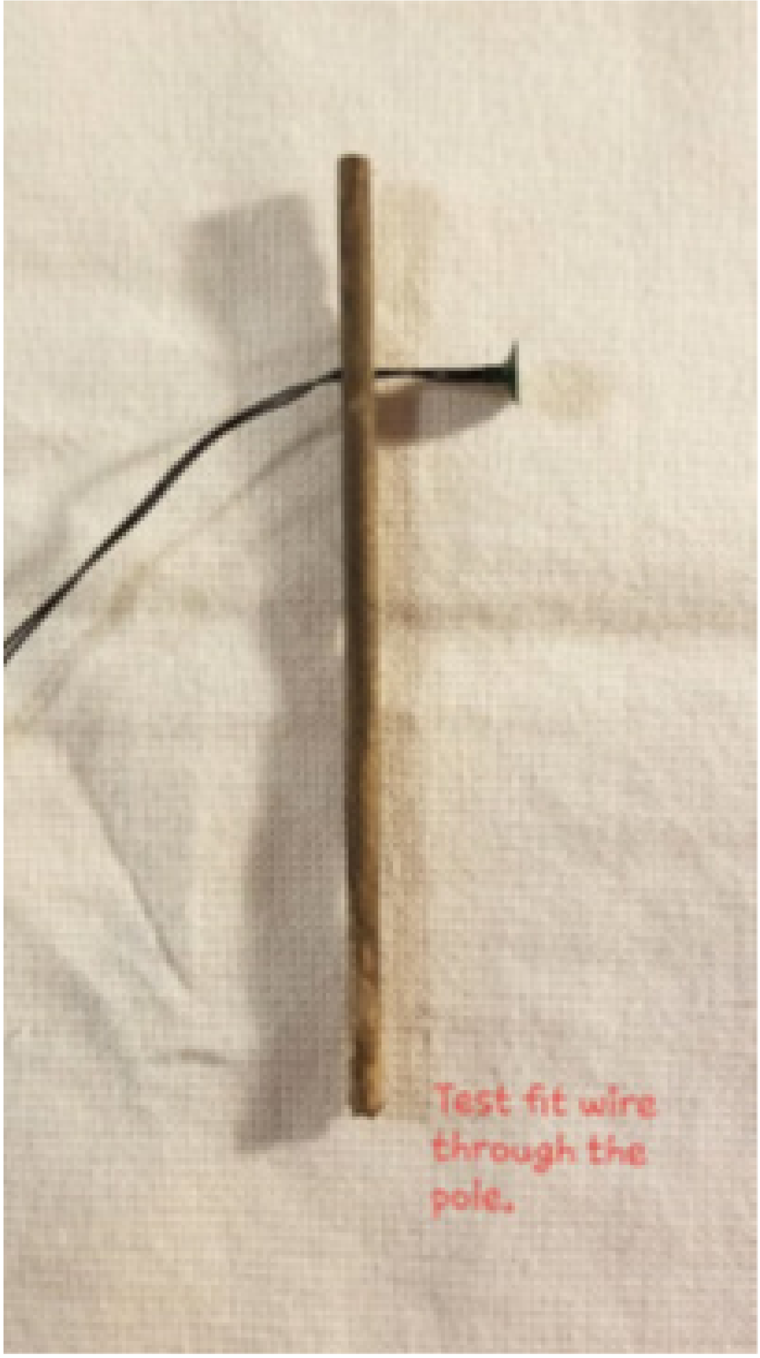

Gently pull the
bulb to the
shade.

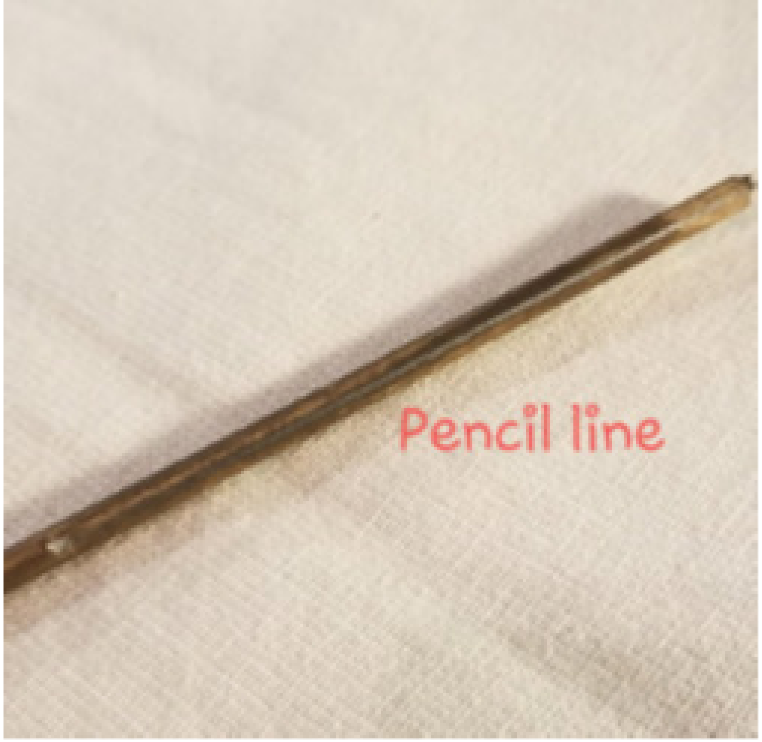
Step 8

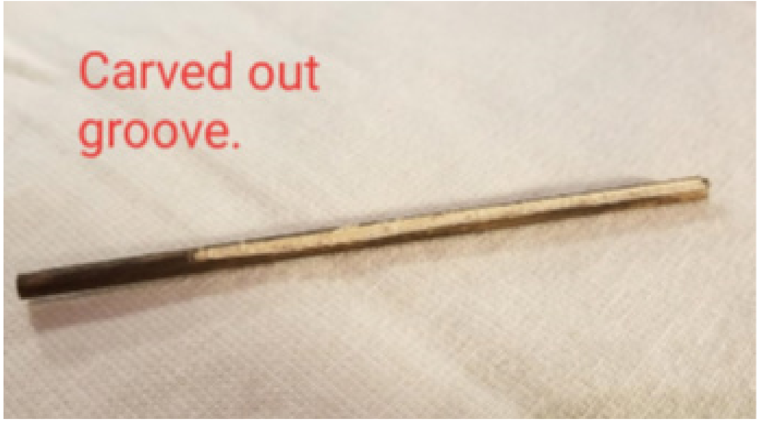
Once dry test fit the wire to see that it will feed through the pole. If not, take your reamer and enlarge the hole to accommodate the wire.


Test fit wire through the pole.

Step 9

Next step is to cut the groove in the pole, this is to hide the wire. Take your pencil and draw a line straight down from the hole to the bottom of the pole and then carve out that area so that the wires can be glued there.


Pencil line


Carved out groove.

Step 10

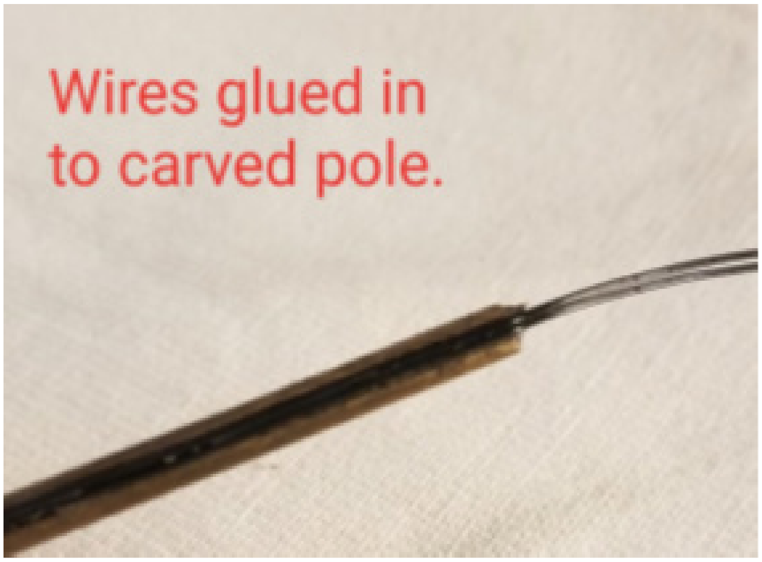
Test fit the wires to see if they are recessed in the groove you carved in the pole. The wire doesn't need to be totally recessed, remember it will be facing the back. If you're happy with it, glue the wire to the pole with Weldbond and use clamps to hold in place until dry.

Step 11

Next glue on the cross arm and paint over the wires to match the pole.

Finished!

And now you have a telephone/light pole to go anywhere on your layout! ML


Wires glued in
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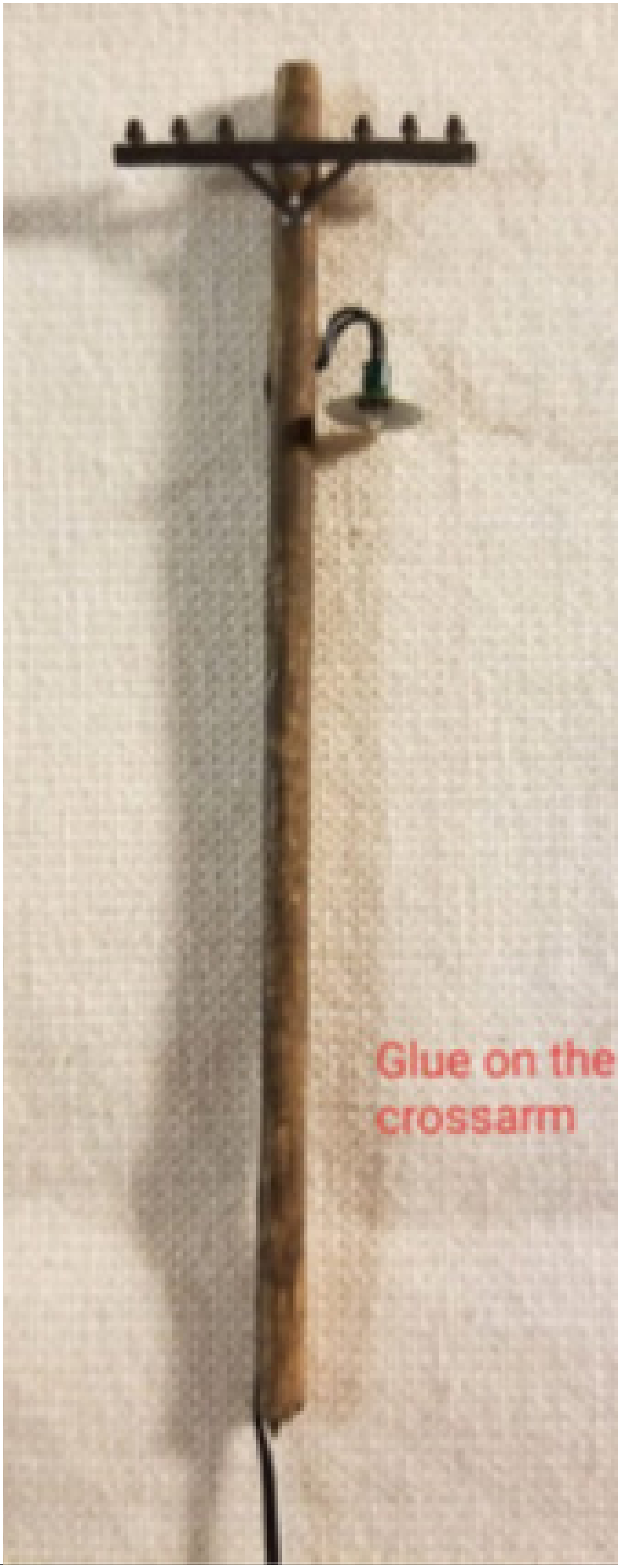
Glue on the
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KITBASHING

Be creative - it may save you money!

By Don Winn

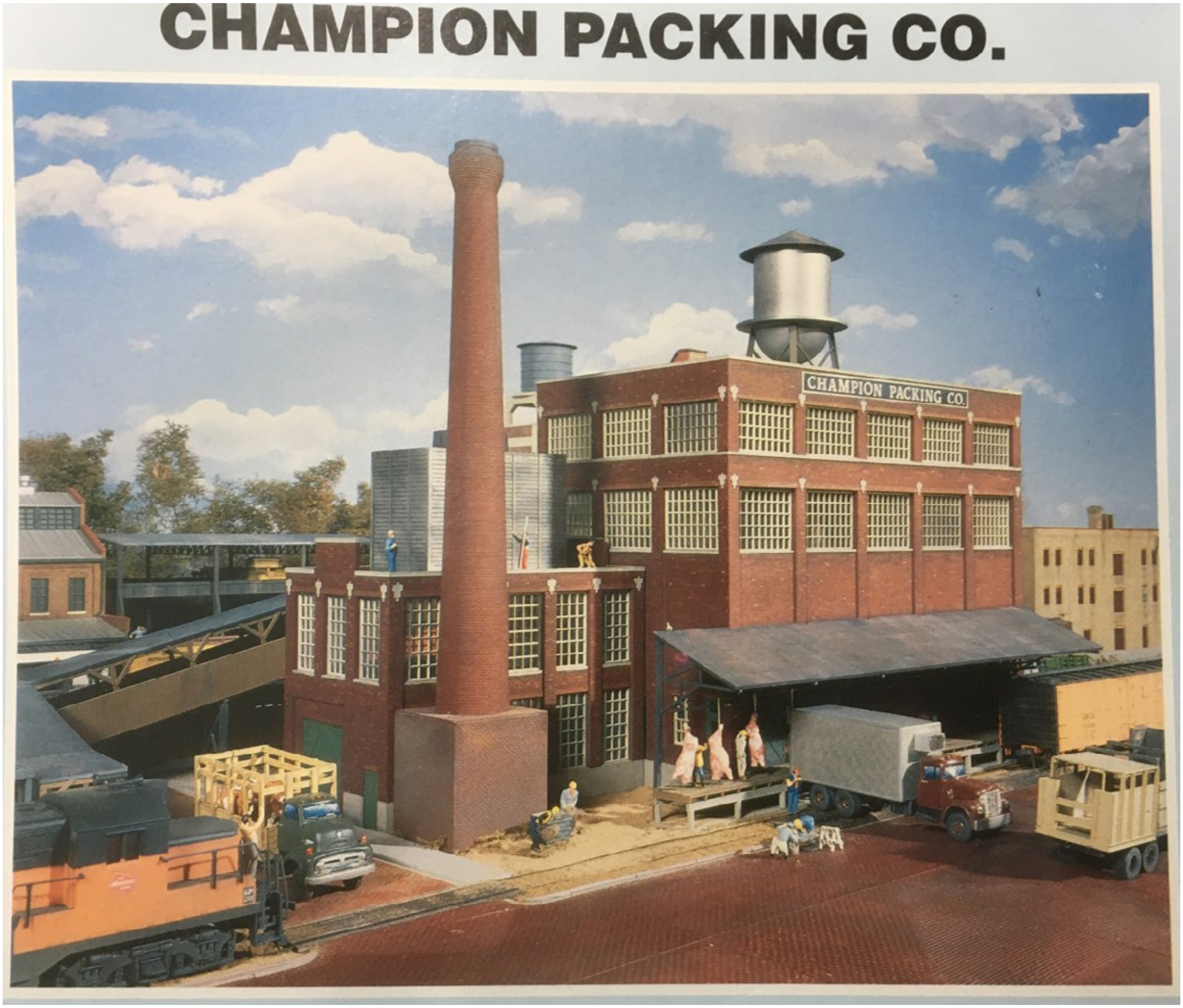


Photo 1 Champion Packing kit

Like many of y'all, I've been hunkered down in my train room trying to ride out this COVID-19 pandemic. I've been using some of my extra time building a number of structures for my new Fox River branchline on my layout. It's been fun!

When I tore down my old layout and moved to San Antonio, I sold or gave away almost every structure I had ever built. On my new layout, I'm trying to hold strictly to re-creating the prototype. Most of my prior structures were Walthers kits which I had built fairly close to the instructions. They

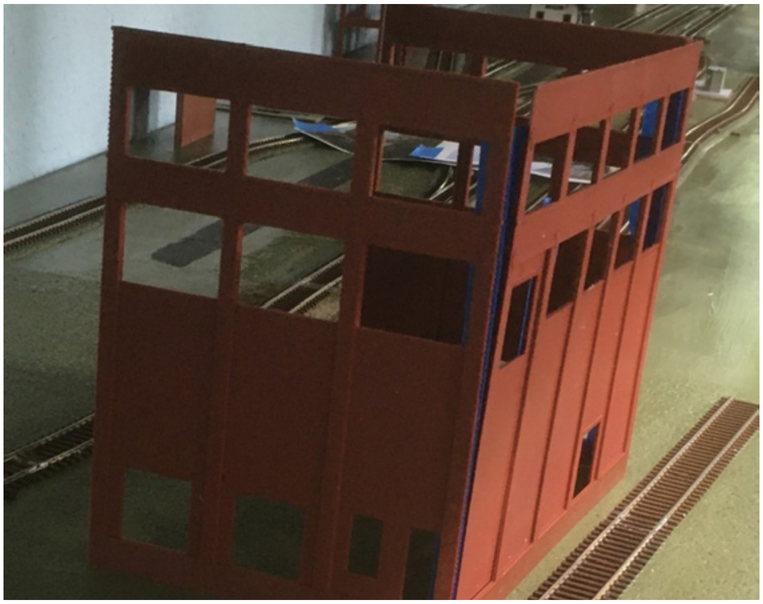


Photo 2 LOF tape up

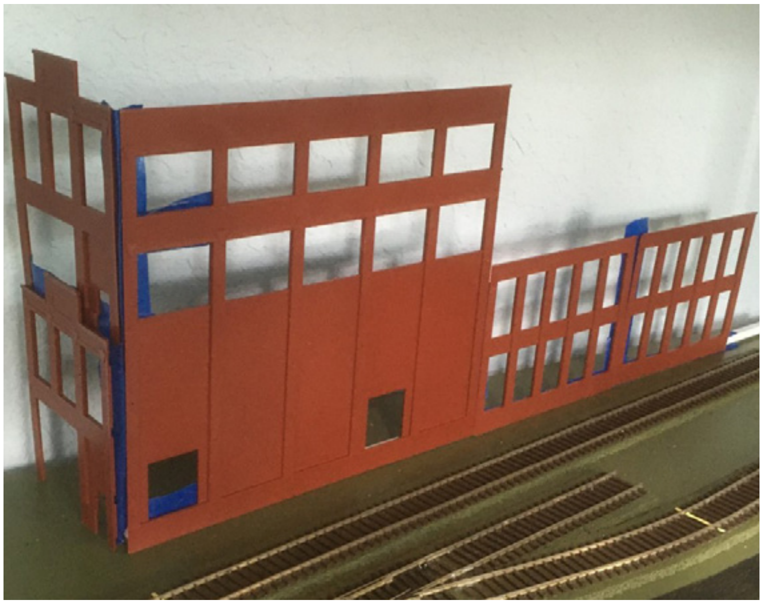


Photo 3 Wedron tape up

turned out fine, but they were readily recognized, "Oh, that's the Walthers Champion Packing plant." [photo 1] Thoughts like that take you out of the environment you want to project and back into the world of toy trains. I didn't want that syndrome on my new layout, especially since there wasn't a meat packing plant anywhere on my prototype.

At the Houston Train Show in February, I picked up a number of Walthers kits at around half price at an estate sale table. Included in that purchase was, yes, a Walthers Champion Packing kit. I didn't know exactly how I would use it, but I figured I could kitbash it into something I needed. And the price was too good to pass up. Noted kitbasher, Tony Koester, advises us to ignore the name on any kit boxes. He talks about how he opened a Walthers ethanol plant kit and found the soybean processing facility he had been looking for.

One of the towns on my new branchline is Wedron, a very small town which still has a major silica sand plant that dominates the town. I have one photo from the 50's that shows a corner of the power plant belching out black smoke. By 1966, when I model, I'm guessing that the plant was no longer powered by coal, and the power plant building may have been re-purposed to another use. My scenario has it as a storehouse now, which receives occasional deliveries on the old coal track.

The next town down the line is Ottawa, which is modelled as the large Libby-Owens-Ford glass plant. I have no information on a power plant there, but I am reasonably sure there was one at one time, and I was looking to use that as a purpose for one of the spur tracks I had built. In my scenario, the power plant building is now used by the machine shop and maintenance departments, which were moved out of the glass plant during a plant expansion.

I try to stay to the prototype appearance if I have photos or drawings, but when I don't have them I get to freelance. The first thing I do when kitbashing is to temporarily place some other built structures into the location and gauge how they look. Too big? Too tall? Not big enough? Not the right style?

Next, I tape together the major walls of a kit that I think have merit and walk past it for at least a day or two to see how it looks. In the case of the Libby-Owens-Ford power plant, I really liked the size of, you guessed it, Champion Packing. I also liked Champion at the Wedron power plant.

So here's my challenge: Can I get these 2 major structures out of a single kit, and can I make sure they don't scream, "Look, Champion Packing!", when viewed by visitors?

The Libby-Owens-Ford (LOF) structure is close to the viewer, so I gave that the priority. The Wedron structure is at the back of the layout on a lower deck, forcing it to be almost a background flat. In both cases, as with a great majority of our structures, the fourth wall is never seen. That saves some modeling time, and the parts can be used elsewhere. But in this case, will eliminating the fourth wall yield me enough material for two structures? It wasn't obvious, but I found it to be an interesting challenge.

I needed three of the large walls to build the LOF machine shop, so I taped those up and placed them in location. [photo 2] The Wedron storehouse is now a real challenge. I used the remaining large wall for the front. Then I added the two long walls of the smaller Champion structure (which ironically, is the Champion power plant) to make a really long front. It looked fine and fits the spur track perfectly. [photo 3] Now comes the real struggle. How to use the remaining 2 sides from the Champion kit to build a wall tall enough to mate to the main wall of the Wedron facility. Stacking the two walls gave the exact height required, but the aesthetics left much to be desired! [photo 4]

Yet, I pressed on. Mindful that the structure will be back in the shadows, I decided to see if I could make it passable. In the prototype world, a lot of these buildings go through many architectural changes over their lifetime, leaving scars and odd features on their once beautiful appear-

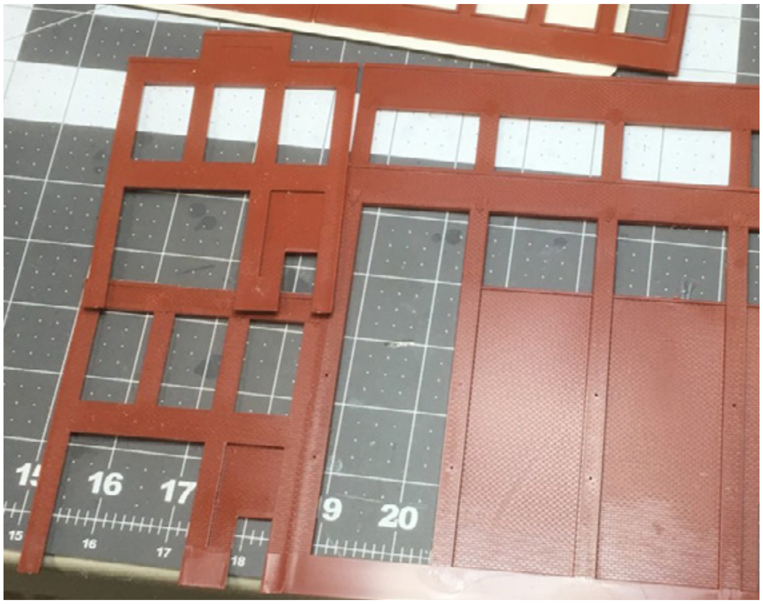
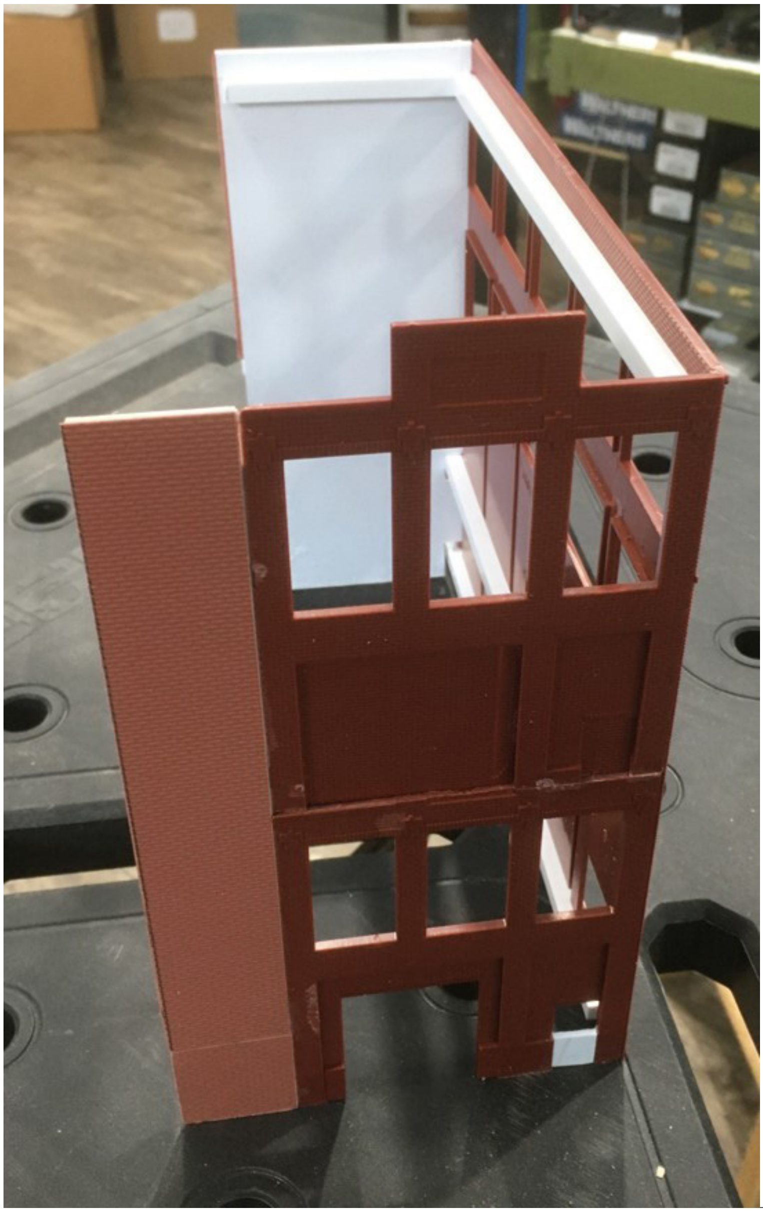


Photo 4 Wedron short wall

Photo 5 Wedron short wall assembled



ance. For our models, I think it actually makes them more interesting.

I lopped off the decorative top to the lower wall and then bricked in the doorways on the upper wall, using extra pieces from the kit. It's getting closer, but still a mess. The man-door at the bottom was too low to make sense relative to the adjoining wall. I addressed that by gluing the door on top of the brick, which was more expedient than spending a lot of time insetting it. I was now just missing about an inch of wall on the second and third sides, which I filled with a sheet of brick from Plastruct. It wasn't an exact match and it wouldn't do for a front-of-layout structure, but it would be fine here. [photo 5] With all of the splicing, I added stiffeners and roof supports on the backside. [photo 6]

Now it's just detailing. For the LOF machine shop, I was able to use the roof and the stairway housing from the kit. [photo 7] To that I added a vent from the Walthers rooftop accessory kit, and cut some plumbing vents from a piping kit. (As Duane Richardson always says, "if you don't have plumbing vents, there must not be any toilets in the building". If you're building a contest or AP judging model, don't leave them out).

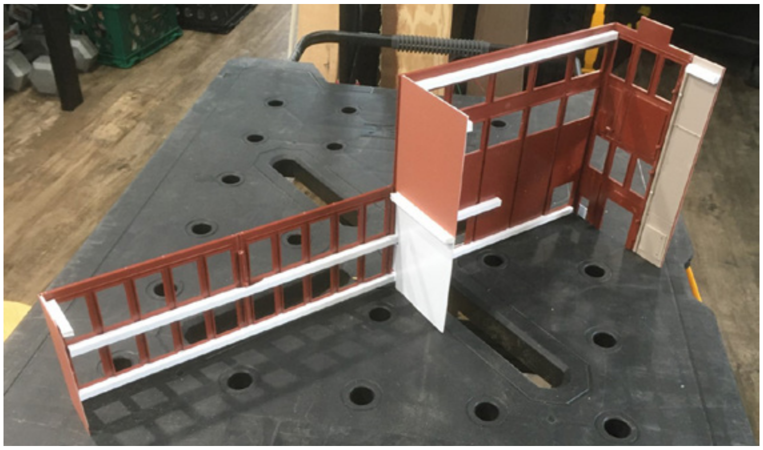


Photo 6 Wedron backside

I added some wooden ties for bumping posts for both the truck dock and the rail dock. The Champion kit gives you a choice on the large wall to mount the left loading door either high or low. I took the high road on this structure and then added an I-beam for a crane that will lift material to the third floor. The viewer's eyes tend to focus on these atypical details. I used a swing door from the kit for that door (to work around the I-beam), but used corrugated styrene for the other doors. Customizing like this makes it fun for me. I also added a foundation from 0.25 x 0.25 styrene bar to raise the structure to the proper height for the freight doors.

Turning back to the Wedron storehouse, [photo 8] the loading dock in the kit was too long, but cutting it and making it L-shaped helped to hide my man-door issue, and further customized it. I used .080" styrene for the custom roofs, gluing 100 grit sand paper to all roofs for texture. I then added a swamp cooler and vents from the Walthers rooftop kit, along with toilet vents (for Duane). The dock doors came from my

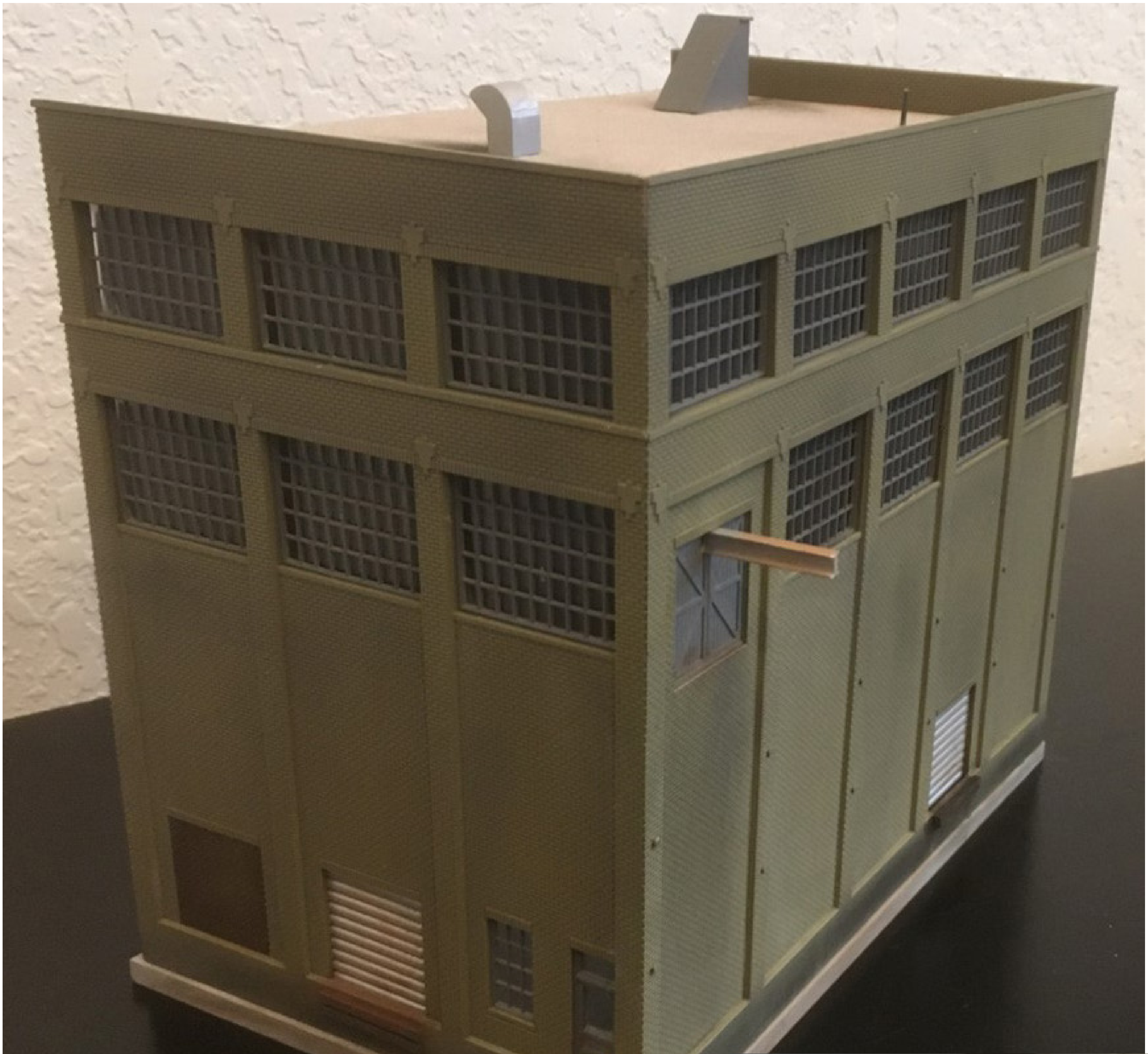


Photo 7 LOF complete and Photo 9 LOF installed

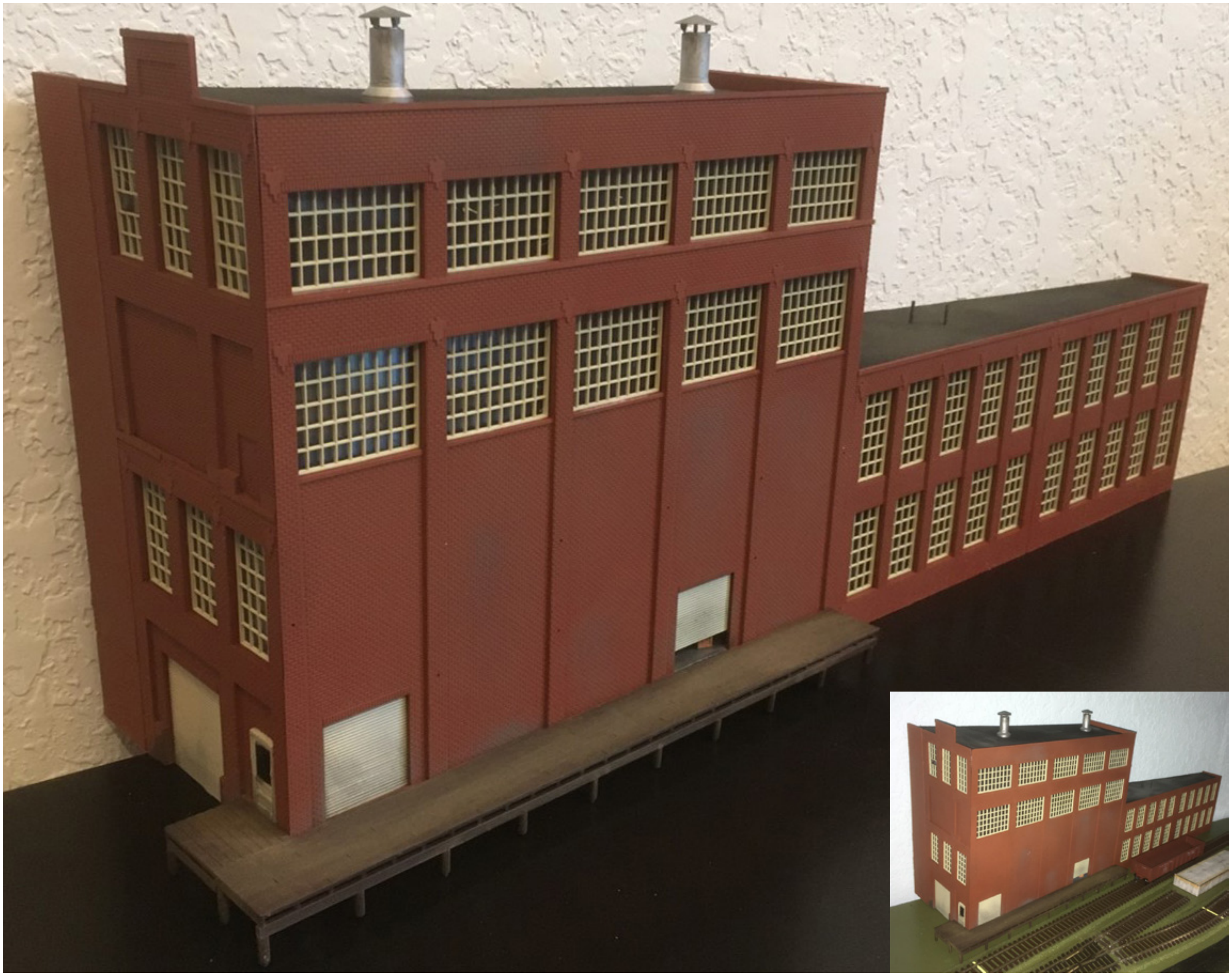


Photo 11 Wedron complete and Photo 10 Wedron installed

scrap bin. A worker has apparently opened one of the loading doors a few feet to get some ventilation. It's an easy way to add some interest without the trouble of fully detailing and lighting the scene.

Some (including all Walthers instructions) recommend building the walls complete with doors, windows and glazing as a flat before joining the walls together. Because I am repainting all the parts, I like to build up the base structure without the trim and then paint the assembly. That gives me a chance to inspect for areas that need fixing. For example, the large wall of the LOF machine shop had a series of holes for mounting an awning. My eyes didn't notice it in the dark red molded color, but they really jumped out when I painted it a lighter color. I could try to putty them up, but I decided to fill the holes with track nails that will represent the structural anchors you see on some brick buildings.

As noted earlier, the back wall of both structures are completely open. [photo 8] One word of caution there, unsupported roofing over spans longer than these structures my need added support to keep from sagging. Ask me how I know.

I'm happy with how these structures turned out. They both have a good supporting role in their industries. [photos 9, 10,and 11]. Both are unique to my railroad, having little resemblance to the Champion plant, which was one of my goals. And I was able to build two large structures out of a half-price kit. Now that's a deal! **ML**

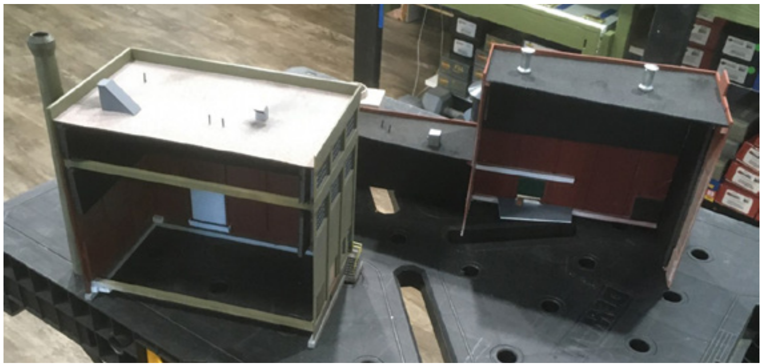


Photo 8 Both complete - backside

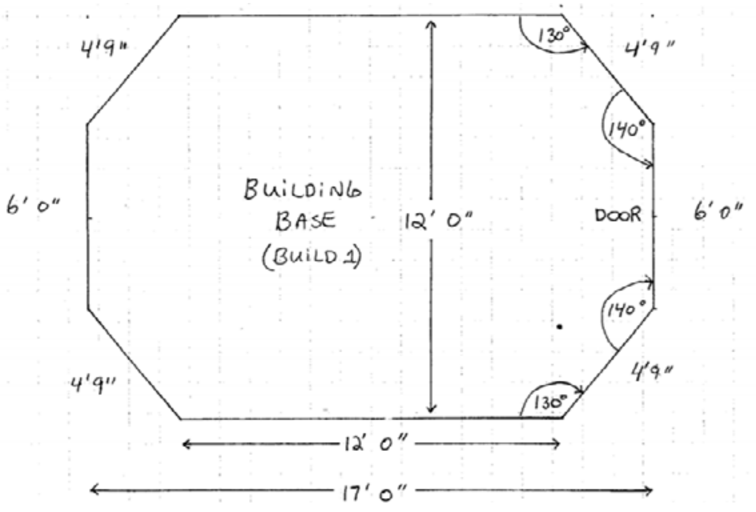
Necessity is… the Mother of Invention

Stripwood Bevel Cutter and Sanding jigs

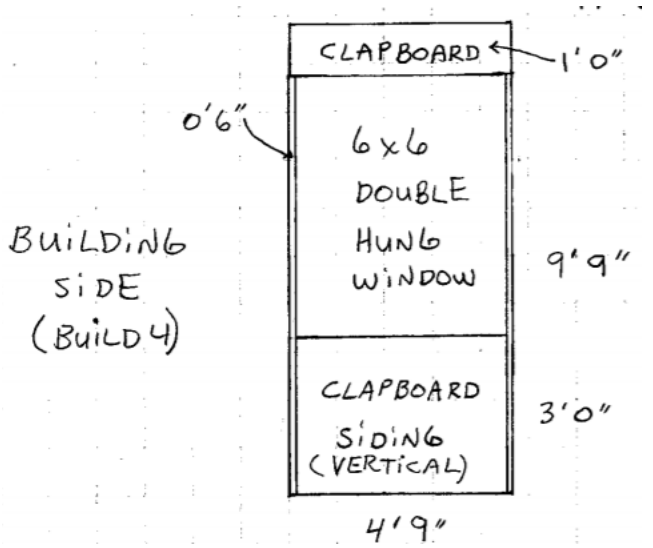
By Michael Harang

It was during the recently held 2020 LSR Convention in Stafford, Tx. that I decided to begin a new model construction project. As this was my 1st LSR Convention, seeing the Contest Room with all of the superb entries was quite eye opening, and very inspiring. While viewing and photographing the entries, one of my conversations with LSR Achievement Chairman Duane Richardson centered on model construction. Duane told me (paraphrasing): "working toward earning AP certificates will make you a better modeler" and "you will view your modeling differently so what was just good enough will not be good enough anymore". I am sure others have heard those words before too. But at the moment I heard them, I did not fully understand their meaning. That was about to change!

Fast forward several weeks after the convention. My new project is well under way and has hit a snag. The building I am constructing is an elongated hexagon approximately 12 feet by 17 feet in size (HO scale). I am using Northeastern Scale Lumber Co. product number 132CLPB – 1/32" Clapboard Siding (0.0635" thickness) for the building sides. To mate the six sides requires a bevel on the inside edges of all pieces so that the outside edges will line up with no gap. The measured angle between the sides is either 130° or 140°, depending of the intersection of the two sides. Here is a sketch of the building base:

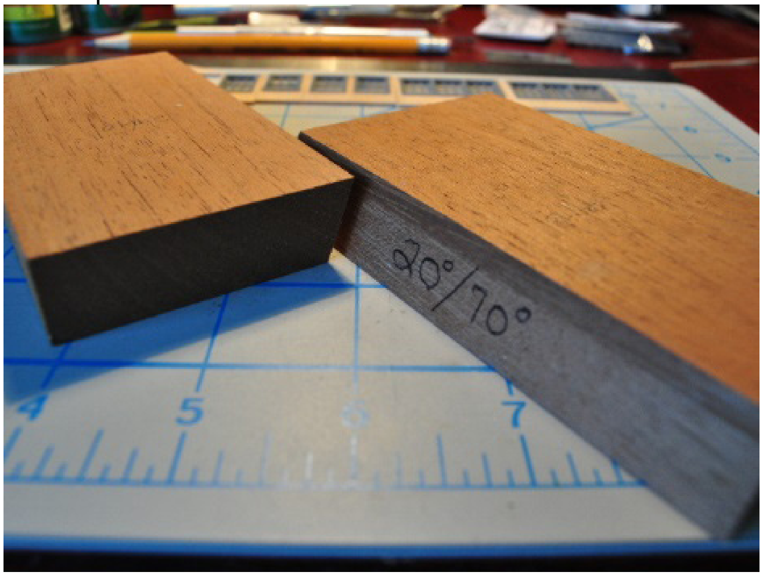


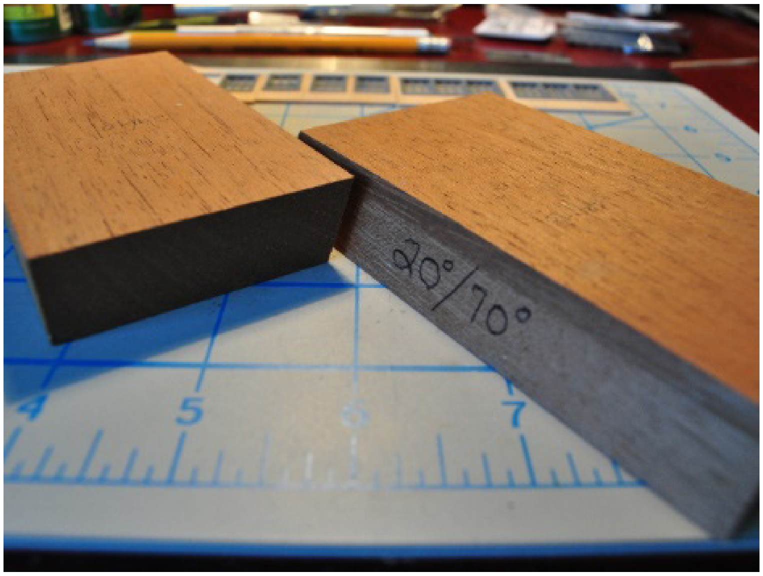
Construction began with the four corner walls. These are 4' 9" wide and 9' 9" high, with a cutout for a 6x6 double hung window (Tichy number 8024). Here is a sketch of the corner wall:



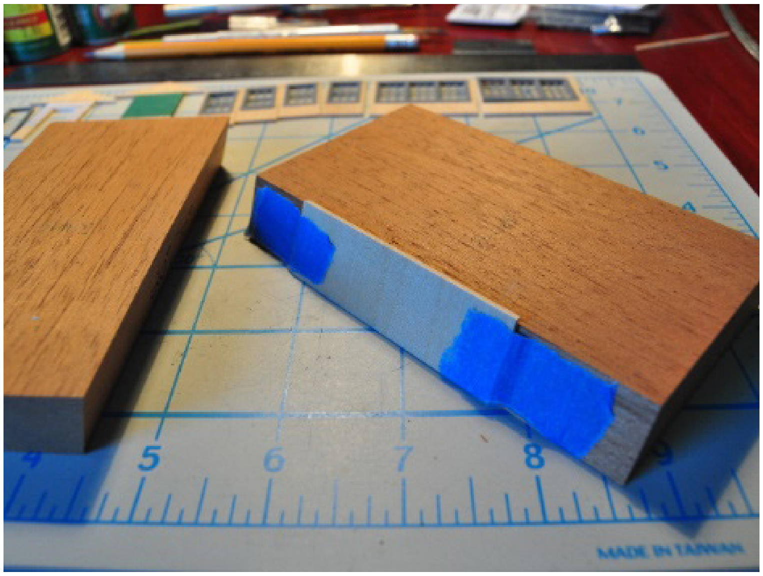
Now that you can see the general overview, what was the snag you ask? How to trim the edges of the sides to a particular bevel to mate with the adjoining side(s)! My 1st attempt to bevel the edges did not turn out as I planned. I tried holding the piece in one hand while sanding the edge with a sanding block using 100 grit sandpaper in the other hand. By the time I removed enough material to have most of the bevel, the piece was too flimsy. Several times, I broke the piece where the 6" vertical window border meets the top or bottom clapboard sections. At this point, I realized that I should have beveled the edges before cutting out the area for the window. But, if I have done that, then cutting out the area for the window would have been very difficult. So, I tried gluing reinforcement pieces to the rear of the 6" vertical border and overlapping to the top and bottom clapboard sections. While this helped stabilize the piece, the overall finish was lacking and did not "look right". On some of the pieces, the sanding made the edges curved and the adjoining piece would not mate properly without visible gaps. At this point, I realized that these were "not good enough anymore" and decided to start over.

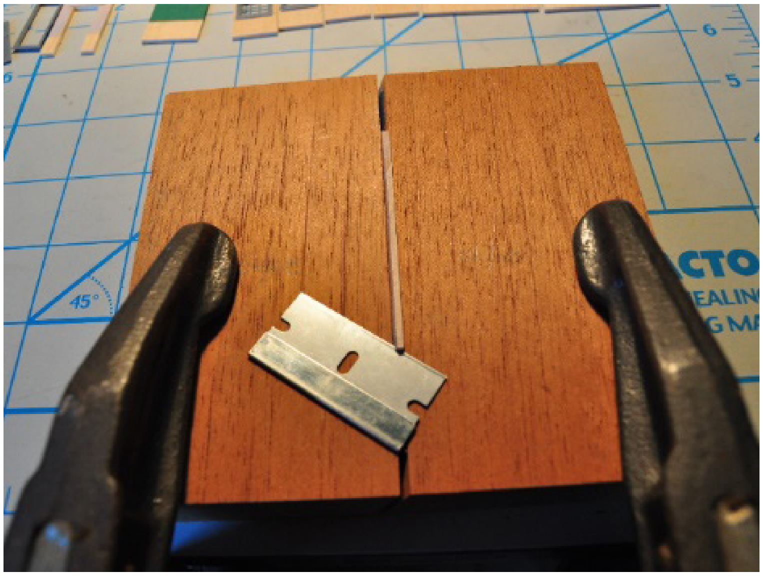
Disappointed but determined, I took a day off from the project then started anew. I cut out all six wall sections and then cut out the areas for the windows and the door. All the while, I was contemplating how to bevel those edges. While searching the internet, I really did not locate anything that stood out. In my garage, I have a 12" compound miter saw. What about using the saw to cut 65° and 70° bevels on two different boards? The result is one board set contains a 20° bevel, while the other contains a 25° bevel. I derived these figures by taking the entire angles of two adjoining wall sections and dividing by 2 (130 / 2 = 65 and 140 / 2 = 70). Here are the photos of the cut boards:

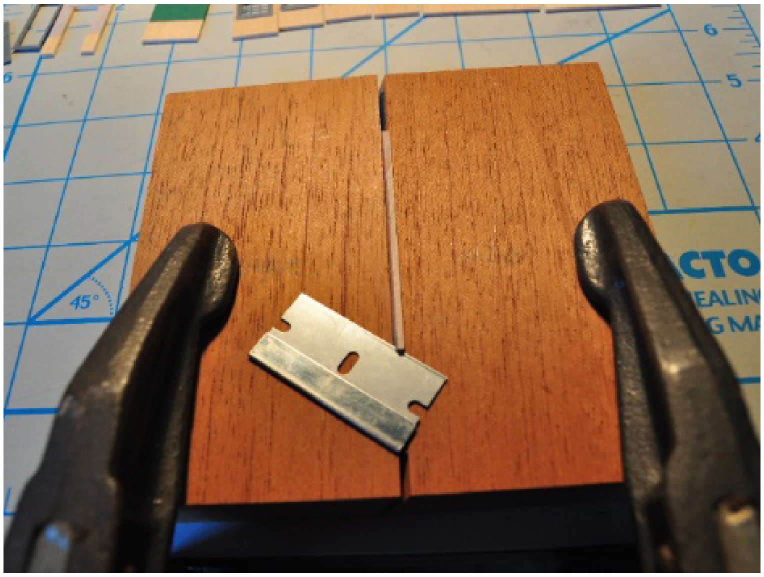




Using small pieces of blue painter's tape to keep the workpiece held secure to the angle face, I position the workpiece so a just the right amount is above the surface of the board (left photo). Then the opposite angled board is placed against it and both are clamped to the workbench (middle photo). Now, the workpiece can be trimmed with a single edged razor blade (right photo). Once trimmed, a sanding board is used to finish the task.







Even though it took several days to complete the simple task of beveling the edges of eight walls for this project, the results are well worth the wait. Should you encounter a similar modeling snag, try this inexpensive jig.

Happy Modeling! ML

OUT *of the* DOLDRUMS

by Pete Leach, MMR

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Shortly after the conclusion of our successful LSR Convention in February, our lives all changed with the COVID19 pandemic. Suddenly, I found it difficult to focus on this hobby. Tasks and projects in the railroad room didn't seem all that important anymore. Hunkered down in my house, I came across a comment in Marty McGuirk's blog suggesting we use this time to build some of those kits we all have tucked away. That comment got me looking through my stash of kits and parts and things stored in a closet behind my layout.

Fig 1 - I stumbled across a long-forgotten N Scale kit called Sam Cahoon's Fish Pier. I don't remember exactly when and where I acquired this kit. It may have been one of those "white elephant" gift exchanges during one of the holiday gatherings of model railroaders. No matter, I was suddenly inspired to build it!

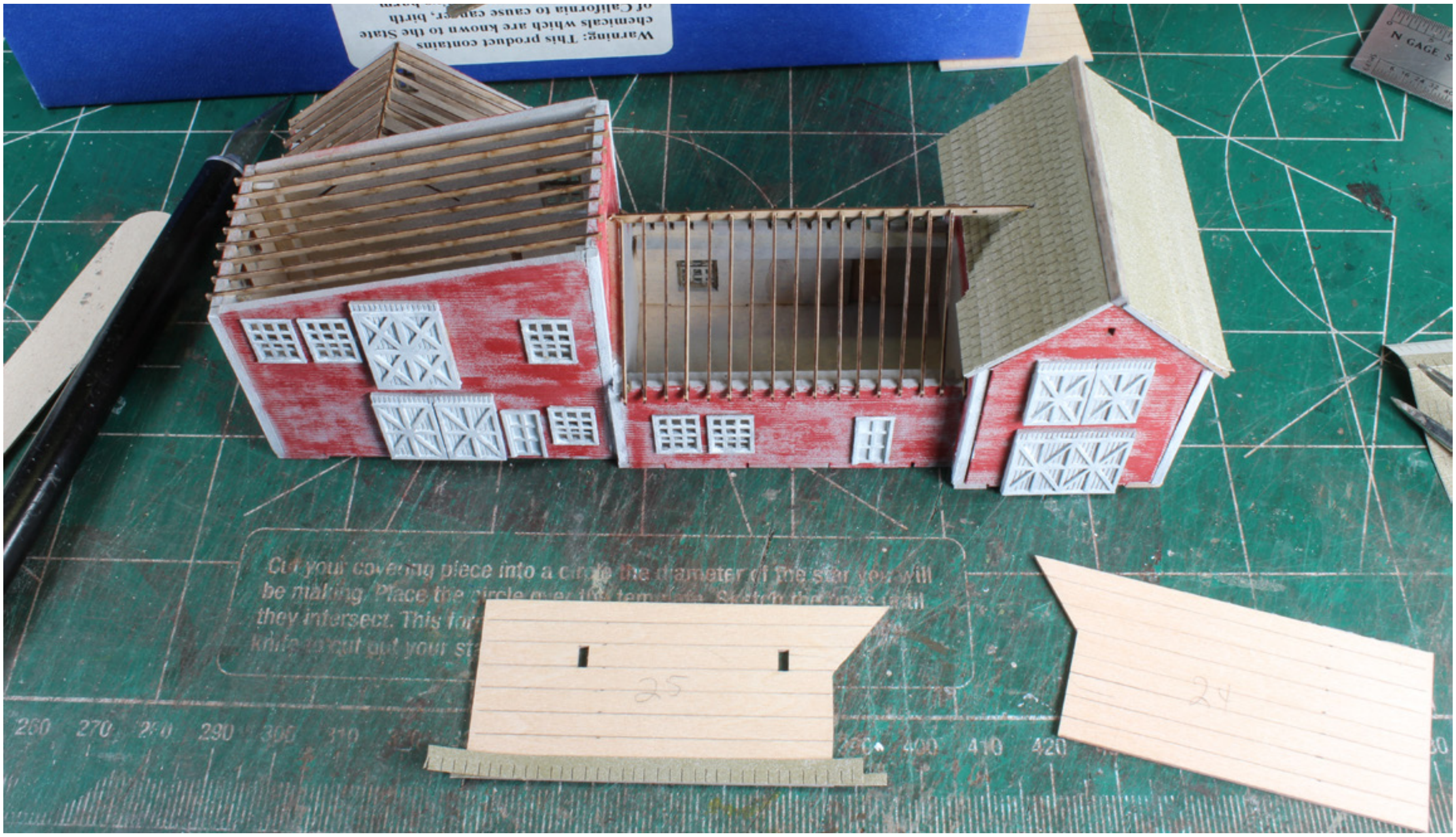


Fig 2 - After organizing all the pieces, I pre-stained and assembled the walls using wood glue. PolyS Caboose Red was dry brushed on the sides. The windows and trim were sprayed white before installing. The roofs all had laser cut rafters and panels. The kit had plenty of paper shingles but halfway through installation, I thought some variety was in order. The building appears to be made of a series of additions as the business grew. I changed the roof on the tall addition to black tar paper using heavy card stock. Another addition has a rusty corrugated roofing made from Paper Creek Model Works. Changing some of the details on a kit can add interest.

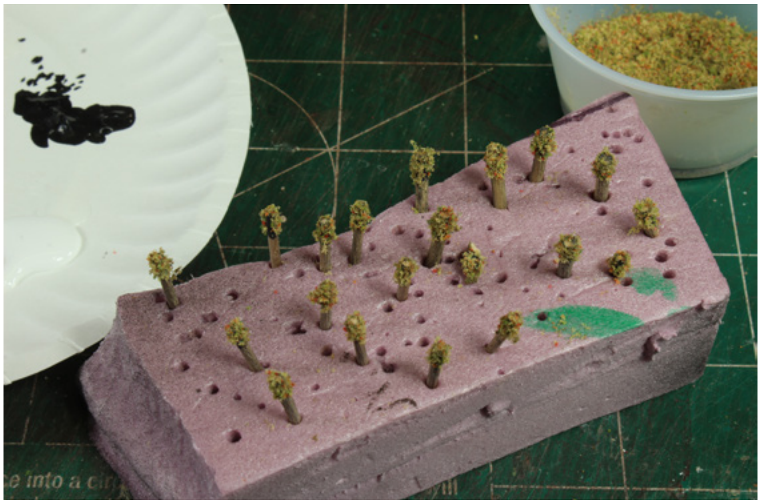


Fig 3 - The kit came with a wooden pier that surrounded 3 sides of the building. The wood pilings were cut to length and heavily weathered before installing. The area below the tide line was first painted with Grimy Black. Then a coat of white glue was applied to the blackened area and immediately dunked into a small container of "dead grass" colored fine ground foam. Once dry, they could be attached to the bottom of the pier.

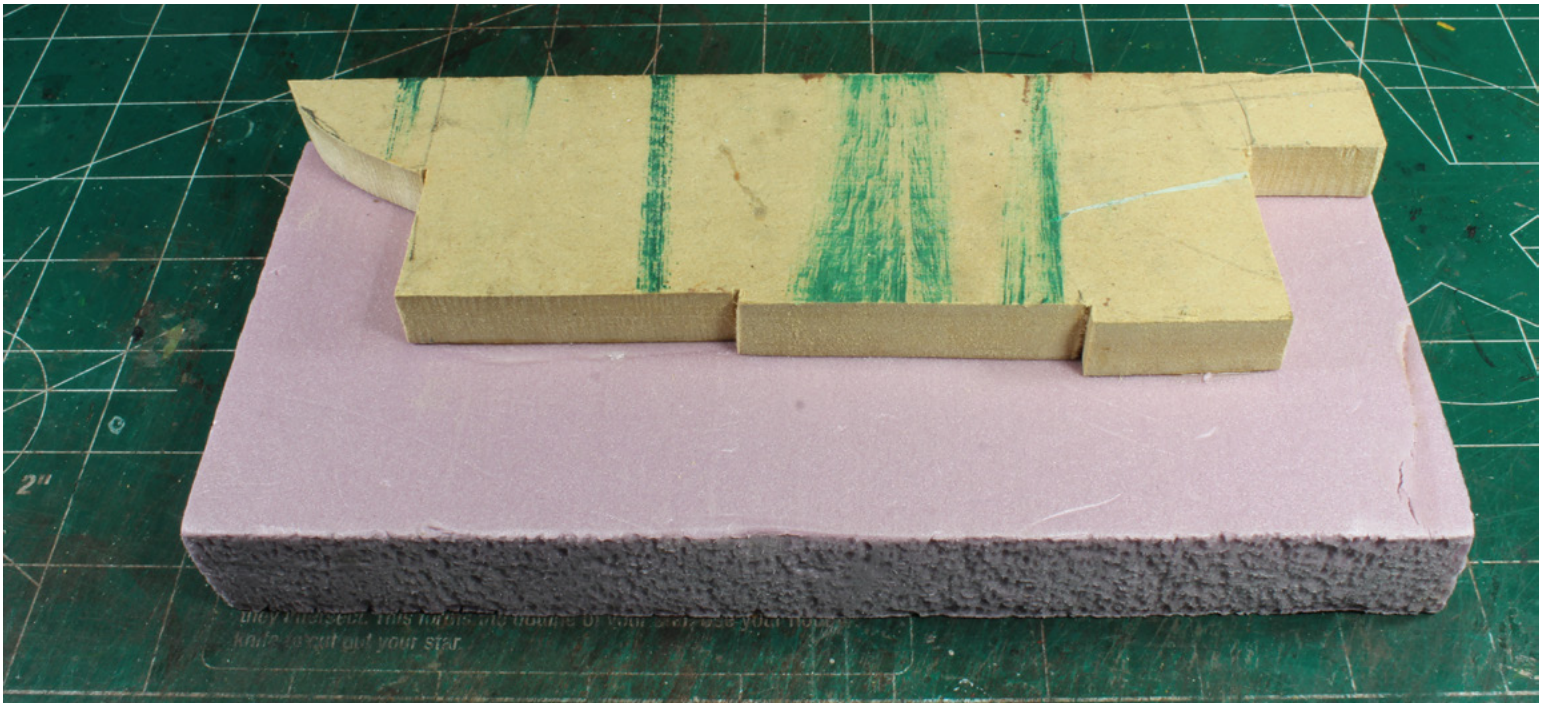
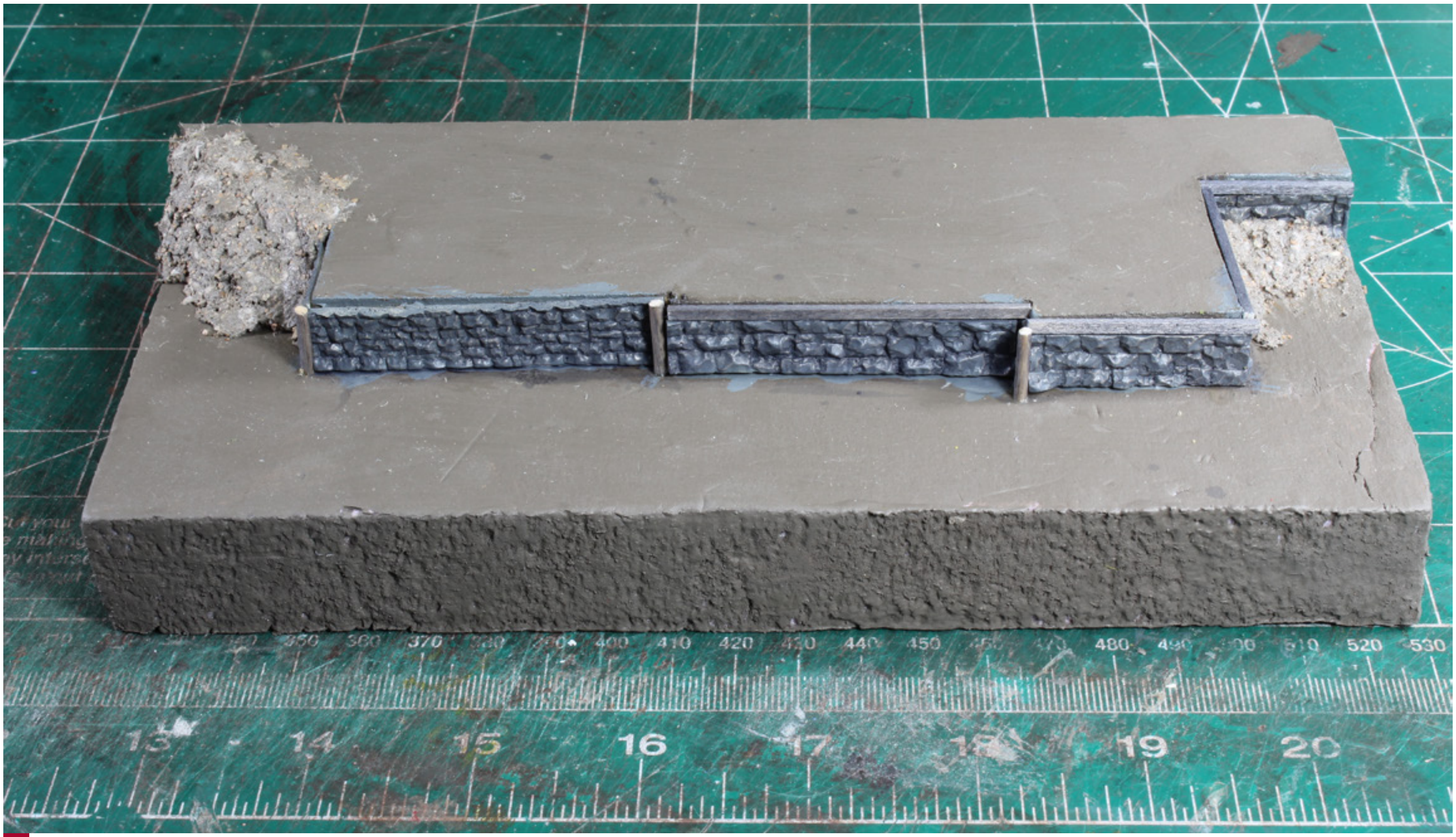


Fig 4 above - To make to most of the structure, a small diorama based was cut from some scrap pink foam. I cut a scrap of MDF using the building as a guide. The pier will rest on the foam and the structure on the MDF. Foam safe construction adhesive was used to attach the two materials together.

Fig 5 below– The foam and MDF assembly was painted with my dark brown "dirt" house paint. A retaining wall was made from some leftover Chooch rock wall material and painted Grimy Black. It was topped with a wooded beam. A few wood pilings help to hide some of the seams. Ground "goop" was applied to smooth the transition of the shore. Ground cover would be applied once the structure was in place.



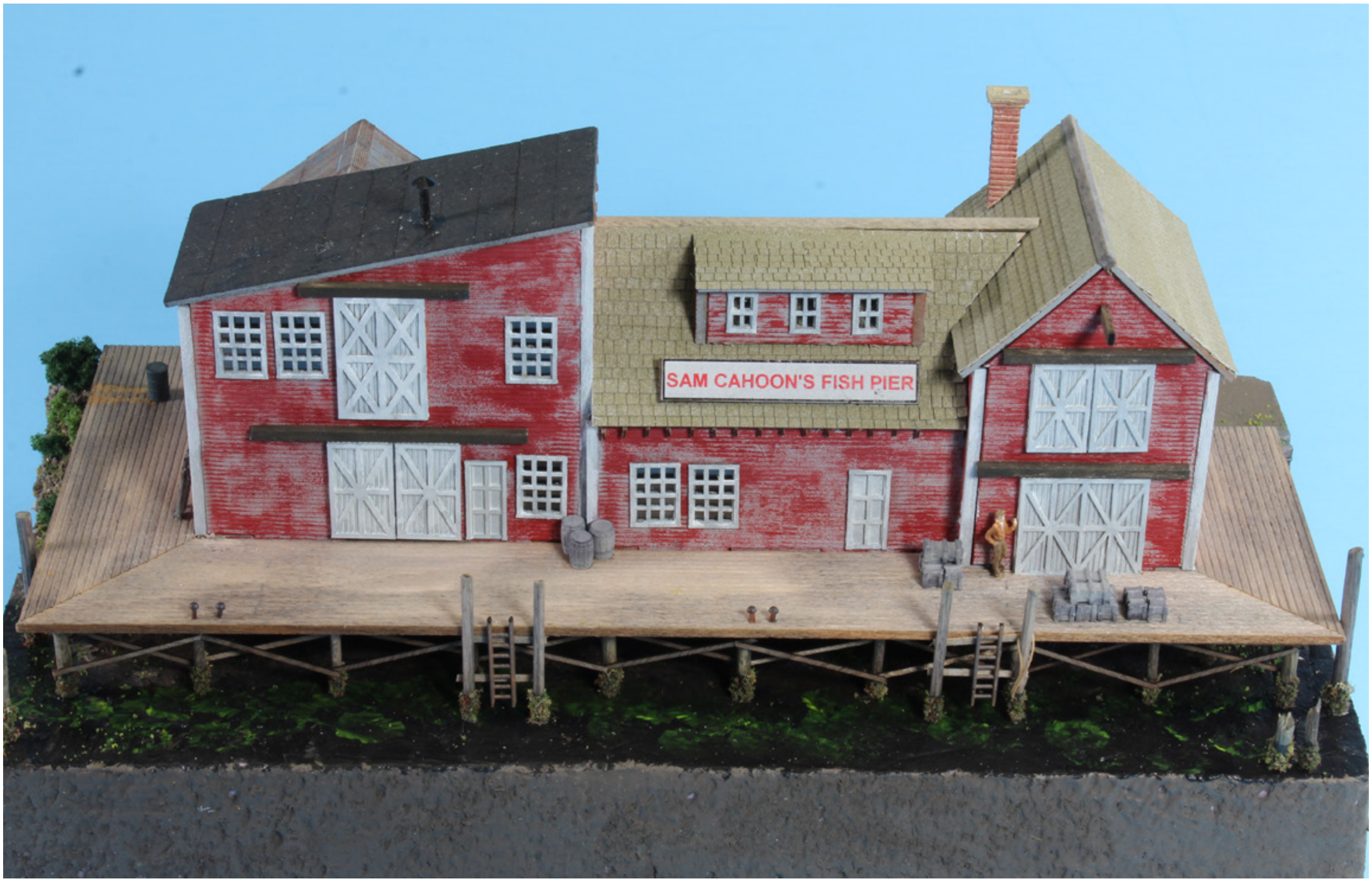


Fig 6 – Here is the finished model placed on the mini-diorama. The water was painted black before installing the pier. The green sea-growth was achieved using Mars Black and Primary Yellow artist paints, using the same techniques I use on my backdrops. (Note: there is a lot of blue in the Mars Black that results in a green color when mixed with yellow.) The details came from my box of parts leftover from many my years of N Scale modeling.

This was a fun and quick project that got me out of the doldrums and back at the workbench. ML

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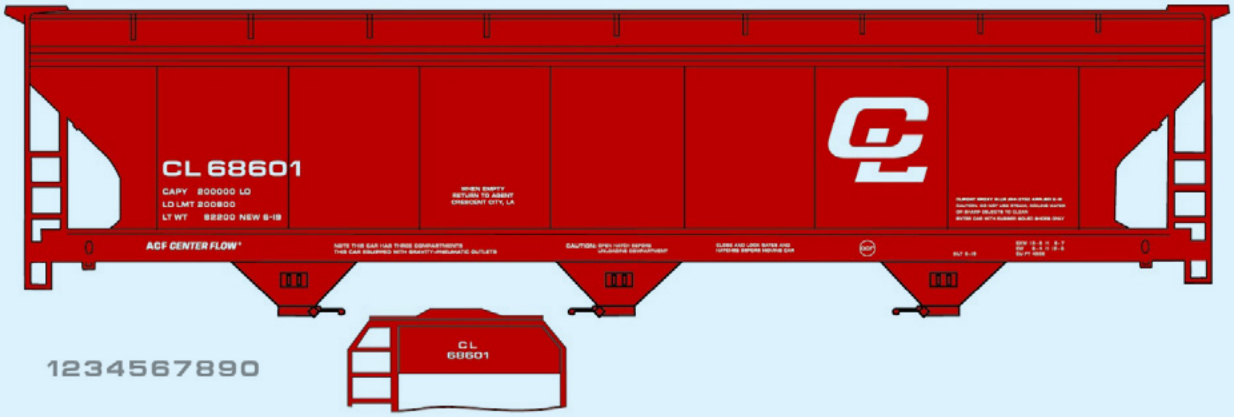
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Director Reports

Cowcatcher Division 1

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In the immortal words of Emerson, Lake & Palmer, "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends. We're so glad you could attend. Come inside, Come inside… The shows about to start." And with that, we are another month into "Social Distancing."

While we are apart, we are connected and connecting! The LSR board has been conducting business via teleconferencing and staying in touch on several issues. More on that later. April 25, 2020 marked a HUGE turn for the NMRA. I was fortunate enough to be invited to be a clinician on the first ever, to be repeated, NMRA-X Virtual Convention. This 24 hour gathering, which offered a clinic an hour by 24 different clinicians, had an average hourly attendance of over 225 in each clinic. The "convention" was held on the Facebook platform. This platform was chosen because over 20,000 NMRA members subscribe to the NMRA Facebook group and because the organizers wanted this event to be free to anyone with an interest in model railroading. Since such an event needed to be advertised in some way, this offered a way to get the information out, at no cost to the event, so that more people would have the opportunity to attend this first event. The next event will be broadcast on May 16, 2020, on multiple platforms so that those with concerns about Facebook can be set at ease. Check back on the Division 1 website for updates on future events. (www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

After a 2 month hiatus, Division 1 will hold our May, and possibly our June, meeting via Zoom. Please visit our website and Facebook page for more information on the meeting login information. To attend the Zoom meeting you will need to install the free Zoom app on your platform (PC, Mac, iPhone, Android, iPad, Tablet). We will send more meeting information the week of the meeting via our mass email distribution. We hope you can attend.

National Convention Update

As far as the 2023 Texas Express Convention goes, things are progressing as to be expected. Our team is well organized and plans are taking shape. Joe Leising, Convention Treasurer, is diligently compiling information from past LSR conventions, as well as other sources, so that our general ledger will be as concise as possible. The decision to wait until the Santa Clara convention in 2021 to begin our advertising campaign proved to be the correct one, especially since the cancellation of the 2020 national convention. This gives us more time to hone our materials for later use. At this time we are beginning the design of our integrated website, tweaking our tour plans and developing our agenda. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Until next time, … Stay Inside, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy! Keep training!

Bayou Division 2

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Well this will be a very short report seeing that all events in the Bayou Division have been cancelled or put on hold because of the Coronavirus outbreak. I have had to cancel the big library show that was going to be a first-time event in this area and at this time have no possible date from the library to re-schedule it. Regular Friday night meetings and Wednesday night work sessions have been suspended at the Crescent City Model Railroad Club in Metairie, although some enterprising individuals continue to work on projects and improvements at the club on their own.

The Mid-South Club in Baton Rouge has also suspended operating sessions for the near future until things are back to a more normal state. The Greater Baton Rouge Model Railroaders in Jackson, LA. Have also suspended their 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month public open houses until further notice.

Hopefully, once the major threat of this virus is curtailed, we can all get back to a more normal life.

One thing I was able to do was to get a roll up banner made for Division 2 that will be used and displayed at future Division 2 events. (See the picture attached to this report.) I hope to be able to use it sooner rather than later. On a personal note, I have been getting MANY of my stored freight car kits assembled and weathered as well as a few locomotives that needed detail parts added to them and to also be weathered.

So it seems that there is a really good reason why us model railroaders buy and collect as many kits as we do.
Best wished to everyone at this difficult time.

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North East Texas Division 3

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February 15th, our last in person meeting for a while, but we did not know it them. The last subject on the clinic survey that received double digit votes was BACKDROPS and that's what we will be covering this month. Mike Mackey and Jerry Hoverson gave examples of various types of backdrops.

Then came covid 19 and our March meeting was cancelled. At that time the next step would be to plan virtual meeting for April. Our meeting consisted of two clinics, show and tell and our usual questions and answers. Our first clinic was presented by Pete Steinmetz.:

Pete Steinmetz has been an avid modeler since childhood. He currently models HO and On30. He has been interested in painting and weathering for many years. Pete has combined techniques used by military modelers with products used by artists and developed a successful style that he uses to weather freight cars, locos, and structures. The techniques are simple and can make even the most reluctant modeler into a successful weathering person. He has been using Ammo of Mig products and Pan Pastels. He is one of the founders of the Dead Rail Society. Pete is also Membership Chair of the PSR and the Director of the San Diego Division.

Our second clinic was by Robert (Bob)Feuerstein.

Bob is a member of the Big Bend Model Railroading Association group in Tallahassee FL, and currently Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Division of the Sunshine Region. Currently the Sunshine Region Webmaster and assist with the NMRA.org Calendar on their website. In the past, He was a member of the NMRA and the Short Track Railroad Club in Vista CA since April of 2015 and after a move to Tallahassee Florida in May 2018, am now with Big Bend Model Railroad Association. With the guidance of the many wonderful members of the Sunshine Region and Big Bend Model Railroad Association, he is currently working on the Achievements to become a Master Model Railroader. He has been active at a Regional level participating in Regional Conventions. Bob Has taught clinics at the 2016 Culver City Convention, 2017 Ontario Convention, CA, Sunshine Region 2018 and National NMRA in Salt Lake City, Utah 2019.

Lee Bangma mentioned during our shaw and tell that he had some you tube videos that we could go and watch. Here is the info on his you tube videos.
Chinook Southern RR. 2 videos: upper and lower decks.
Poudre Valley RR. 1 video (narrow gauge)
(Both are HO scale.) (they have a pseudoname attached: Noel Trains. Since I do not have pictures this time. I thought those that read this could access Lee's videos.

There is something else that we are learning from this experience. Division 3 has as many members on line as we do at in person meetings. We are going to incorporate virtual clinics into our future in person meetings, this way members that live 2 hours away can still have access to our monthly activities. And using virtual meetings have helped to bring us into the future of communications. As we can see with NMRA-X virtual clinics. And it really doesn't add to our costs to bring more members in virtually. I'm sure that we will learn more as we go.

Stay safe and hope to see our members in person soon.

CenTex Division 4

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With the out break of the Virus the Division has been put into unfamiliar environment. With the first priority being the health and safety of the membership the last two Division meetings have been canceled. Also, the Train Show sponsored by the Austin Modeler Railroad Society had to be reschedule for the Labor Day weekend. It will still be held at the Williamson County Expo Center in Taylor Texas. The Division has been very fortunate in that several Divisions within the LSR have invited the membership to join in on Virtual meetings. They have been very informative and gives us a chance to visit with other NMRA members in the Region.

That this time I am in the process of developing a Virtual meeting for Division four members to participate in. It is one of the goals that I have been trying to accomplish as Director, to reach out to all member of the Division and have them participate in the meeting. With help from others, I am working to make this experience as hassle free as possible. More information will be forthcoming.

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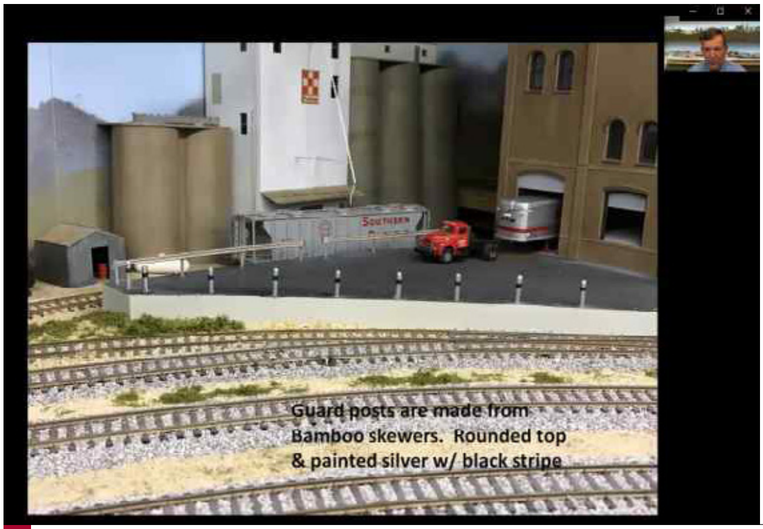
Anything big happening in the South Texas Division?? You bet!!! Nothing bigger than the BIG BOY!!! The 4-8-8-4 UP 4014 made its tour through our area in early November. It spent a full day on display at the Sunset Station in San Antonio. Plenty of opportunities to catch run-bys coming and going from the area. Probably will be an event never to be repeated.

In December, the quarterly South Texas Railroad social held another successful event, with approximately 40 in attendance. Clinics included building a modelling desk, tuning up rolling stock, scratch building a diesel service facility and rail fanning around San Antonio. The next social is scheduled for March 28th at the Longhorn Café. Visit southtexasrr.com for more information on the quarterly events. It's free, it's fun, so come on out and join us.

By the time you read this, we will be into February with the LSR convention in Houston and the SAMRA Train Show in Garden Ridge. Coming up in April is the spring version of the New Braunfels Train Show. It's always a good show. Please stop by the NMRA table and say hello.

As always, if there is anything we can do to help you in your modeling, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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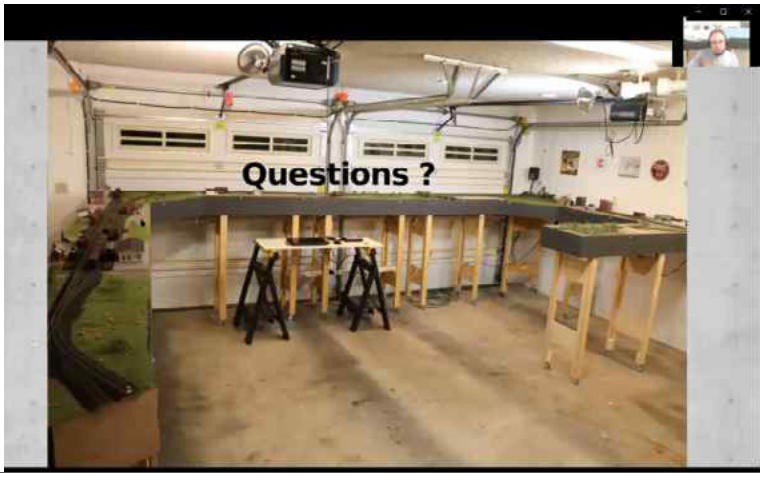

Questions ?

Texas Gulf Division 8

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Division 8 has gotten off to a roaring start in 2020 despite the Coronavirus pandemic thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of our new president Jim Kelly. We have been unable to use the Community Center where we normally hold our clinics but Jim has have started video clinics via zoom. The first clinic was given by Jim on JMRI Install and Introduction to PanelPro. The clinic was also put on You Tube so for those folks who couldn't attend the clinic they could see the entire presentation on You Tube. Our second clinic will be conducted by Jay Williams. Jay will demonstrate how to use the Cricut Cutter to score styrene and create custom fit interiors for HO structures. Jay will also show us how to use the DLP 3D Printer to create highly detailed prints.

The division has also e mailed to our member's surveys to see what activities and programs our members are interested in pursuing. We're evaluating the results now and will roll out those programs later in the year.

Hopefully in a few months we will resume live clinics and our other division activities.

Happy Railroading!

At-Large

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Thanks to Division 8 for hosting the LSR Convention back in February 2020. While the timing of the convention was out of sync with a traditional June convention date, in hindsight the folks in Houston must have a great crystal ball. They got the convention in just before the Co-Vid 19 related shutdowns began to occur.

I was able to attend the Rotary Photo Excursion on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad on February 29 and March 1st. I provided some images from that event to Riley Triggs and trust that one or two may be published in the Marker Lamp. *(see next issue for the rest of the photos - ed.)*

Seeing, hearing, and feeling Rotary OY as it plowed past us was impressive. The C&TSRR celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and has a number of special events planned for the upcoming season. I remain hopeful that anniversary related events will be able to go on in some fashion yet.

Kudos to several of our divisions for using technology to maintain some form of social interaction and continued meetings despite the shelter in place orders. I appreciate Donna Orr and James Knaab of Division 3 for hosting several on-line events. I know that Division 1 and 8 are also hosting on-line meetings.

As one of three Director's at Large for the Lone Star Region, it is my responsibility to represent the interests of the entire Lone Star Region when it comes to matters for consideration by the Board of Directors.

At the Board meeting this past February, a motion was made and debated by the Board to update the By-Laws so as to require elected officers of the board to have reached the age of twenty-one (21) before taking office. At present, the LSR By-Laws are silent as it relates to any age-related limitation to serve as an elected officer of the LSR.

During the debate on the motion, I argued against the motion to require someone to reach the age of 21 before taking office. I did so with two thoughts in mind. First, while I recognize that there may be a valid point toward having an

age requirement to serve as elected officer within the LSR, I felt that we should be guided by statutes in Texas and Louisiana. In order to sign a contract in either state, a person must have reached the "age of majority". Both the States of Texas and Louisiana have statues that define the "age of majority" as being a person that has reached the age of eighteen (18). Therefore, I am of the opinion that any age-related requirement to serve as an officer of the LSR should be someone who has reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday, not twenty-one (21).

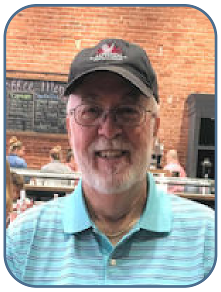
Secondly, I do believe that would be an unusually mature individual that would have the respect of a Division or the Region to be elected to office. That said, I also believe that it is the right of the members of a Division or the Region to vote for a such a candidate.

The motion as presented at the February 2020 Board meeting failed to garner a sufficient number of votes to pass.

As the LSR Board prepares for our upcoming Board meeting on June 6, 2020, a motion similar to that considered last February has been placed on the agenda. The new motion reads in part, "The newly elected officer must be 21 years of age before taking office. An Apprenticeship position can be filled by anyone 18 years of age and older. An Apprentice is a non-voting position where a Youth can showcase their skills and establish themselves as a representative of the hobby and the LSR."

While I appreciate that the new motion provides for an "Apprentice" position that allows someone between eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) to serve, my reservations about the motion as previously detailed remain. But now I am asking myself if I am truly representing the will of the members of the Lone Star Region, or simply taking a stand based on a personal viewpoint?

So, here is my ask of the members of the Lone Star Region. Would you email or call me with your thoughts on the motion to be considered during the Board meeting of June 6th? My email is BU1977@att.net. My mobile number is 214-507-7779. I hope to hear from you.



At-Large

By Darrell Cowles
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As this is my first article for the Marker Lamp, I thought I would tell you a bit about myself. I grew up in this area of North Texas, primarily in Weatherford, but have lived in Arlington, Grand Prairie, and now in downtown Watauga. If you laughed, then I know you have been to Watauga. I have always loved building models and entered several custom built cars into contests when I was younger. It took me about 4-6 months to build a custom car because I added things then that are standard features in kits now, such as opening doors, hood and trunks. I upholstered the interiors, completely wired the engines, installed brake lines and added a lot of small details. I have several trophies in the attic, but the cars themselves are long gone. For the better part of my working life I managed restaurants, or multiple restaurants in and around DFW. Since 2000, I have been designing commercial foodservice kitchens for restaurants, schools, churches, hotels, and senior retirement homes. I retired from full-time this past August, but still pick up work when not traveling in our RV.

Santa brought my first real train, a Lionel Texas Special, on my 10th Christmas. My Dad built the ubiquitous 4x8 layout for the garage and helped me install track and a small mountain; this layout had two sidings, and I spent many hours in the garage operating my train. That train resides on a high shelf in my office now and is only missing a couple of details to make it 100%. In or about 1993, my wife mentioned that there was a train show in Fort Worth Convention Center and that I should take our 12 year old daughter to see it on a Dad/daughter trip. The train bug bit me again, big time. I quickly started converting my backyard workshop to a train layout with my daughter. This was going pretty well until she discovered boys and I discovered that a pier and beam workshop makes for a great hump yard, but not so good for the rest of the layout.

I found the Texas Rail Barons modular club and became a member right away. We displayed at train shows, malls, and any place we could set up. I also found some great friends which I still have to this day. A good portion of the Rail Barons created a new permanent layout club called the Texas Western Model Railroad Club in 1996, and started building our first real layout in 1996, using the back portion of Joe Williams Compressor Service building. This huge 3,000 sq. ft. space was a model railroaders dream; lots of space to stretch out and over 18 years we built one of the nicest layouts in the area. We hosted several Open House events and were featured on Texas Country Reporter in 2007 and in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram multiple times.

The Texas Western layout was planned for the newly emerging DCC system from the start and for operations. It was fully signaled and we ran operations sessions many times, teaching many of our members how to operate model trains for the first time. Sad times came with the passing of Joe Williams in 2010 and the transfer of the compressor company to his two children. Serendipity occurred when we found Forest Hill had an empty Community Center building that just fit our needs for a new home. We tore down 18 years of building and starting planning the new Version 2.0 layout in late 2014. One thing we learned was a large Open House crowd needs better aisles and the new layout addresses this issue while we build a double-deck 2,450 sq. ft. layout.

I have been fortunate to be the President/CEO of the Texas Western for many years, and am now looking forward to my new role as LSR Director at Large while still devoting my time to building the new layout. I hope to see everyone as I attend local Division meetings!

At-Large

by Blake Bogs
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Well this is the last article! It's been such an honor the last four years to be your Director at Large. I would like to leave you with the following thoughts.

First, I personally believe model railroading is more prevalent than the average modeler thinks. You see a ton of people modeling on Facebook. They just aren't in the normal groups we are.

Second, if someone was to ask me "what do you get for your $50 a year?" I'd say "a lot". I often used to ask this question myself until I saw the answers first hand. To start with are the people involved in this organization. This organization or as I like to say family, has been great to me. I have so many people I could thank including my dad Barry Bogs, Chuck Lind, Craig Brantley, Steve Barkley, Tom Browning, Gary Abramski, Donna Orr, Jeff Palmer, Don Kimble, Ray Byer, Riley Triggs, Duane Richardson, Cody and Casey Akin, and so many more. All these people have been there when I have questions, when I was working on elections, etc. They shape the organization and make it what it is today. They will never truly know how important and appreciated they are.

Additionally, you get the opportunity to participate in the AP Program and attend conventions. If it wasn't for all of the clinics I've sat through at LSR conventions, local NMRA sponsored shows, and being able to spend time watching my dad and other modelers build and show off models, I wouldn't be the modeler I am today. Even after 11 years of LSR conventions, I'm still not as good as all of my mentors.

I believe we are living in the prime of model railroading. When I walk around layouts such as those belonging to Eddie Carroll, Chuck Lind, Craig Brantley, Barry Bogs, and so many more, I see all the skills out there I am continually amazed at the detail and passion seen. Additionally, every year the equipment from manufacturers becomes more detailed and runs even better than before.

Thank you all for the fun and all the memories. I hope that my time spent on the board influenced you in a positive way.

Keep them trains running.

Nominations

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The 2020 election is over, and I am thinking about next year. I would like to see if we can get more folks running for offices. Volunteer organizations such as LSR need to attract new members to positions on the board and other departments. I will solicit ideas from the BOD and members in the months ahead. In the meantime, if you are reading this and are even a little bit interested, please reach out to me. I would be happy to discuss what is involved in the process and the position.

It has been some interesting and difficult times since the LSR convention back in February. I have been using the time during the lockdown to work on several projects in the railroad room. I've installed a new Tsunami decoder on one of my Bachmann On30 Forney steam locomotives. Electronics is not my favorite part of the hobby, but I plan to work on other projects, such as adding sound and animation to my layout. I doubt electronics will EVER be near the top of the list of favorites!

A part of the hobby I DO enjoy is building models and writing about them. I have been writing articles for the San Jac newsletter, DERAIL, for a few years. I will continue as long as I have things to build and people interested in reading about it.

I look forward to serving all of you as a one of the Directors-at-Large.

Convention

By Marc LaChey
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We continue to make progress toward a joint convention with the Midcontinent Region and the Lone Star Region. Tentative dates are June 16-19, 2021 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ken Ehlers from MCoR's Indian Nation Division (formerly a member of LSR's Texas Gulf Division) and Marc LaChey of the LSR Trinity River Division have volunteered to serve as Co-Chairmen for the convention. Chris Atkins, LSR Cowcatcher Division will serve as Registrar. Chuck Lind, LSR President, will arrange for Clinics. Ray Byer, LSR Texas Gulf Division along with Jeff Palmer and Duane Richardson of the Trinity River Division will be involved with the contest room.

We anticipate that members of the Midcontinent region will be serving in a number of other roles in support of the joint convention. As this will be the first joint convention for the LSR and MCoR, Ken and Marc will be working on the sharing of various logistical and work assignments for the two regions.

While Ken and Marc develop the convention format, we expect the convention to feature camaraderie, clinics, a contest room, layout tours and opportunities to operate. Ken and Chuck have already had preliminary conversations and are planning as many as twenty (20) clinic for the convention. Ken has started conversations with a number of layout owners in Tulsa regarding both operating sessions and layout tours.

As of this writing, Ken and Marc are negotiating with a hotel venue in Tulsa to host the convention. More specifics will be shared once the hotel proposal has been finalized and presented to the boards of the LSR and MCoR for approval.

For now, we encourage everyone to pencil in June 16-19, 2021 on your calendar.

Treasurer Report

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In the financial news: The financial year ended!!! We did spend more money as prescribed by the budget, but we also brought more money in. All because we had 2 conventions in this financial year. Thank you again to the crews who made the Frisco and Houston conventions a great financial success. We also paid some Website fees now to cover us for the next 5 years.

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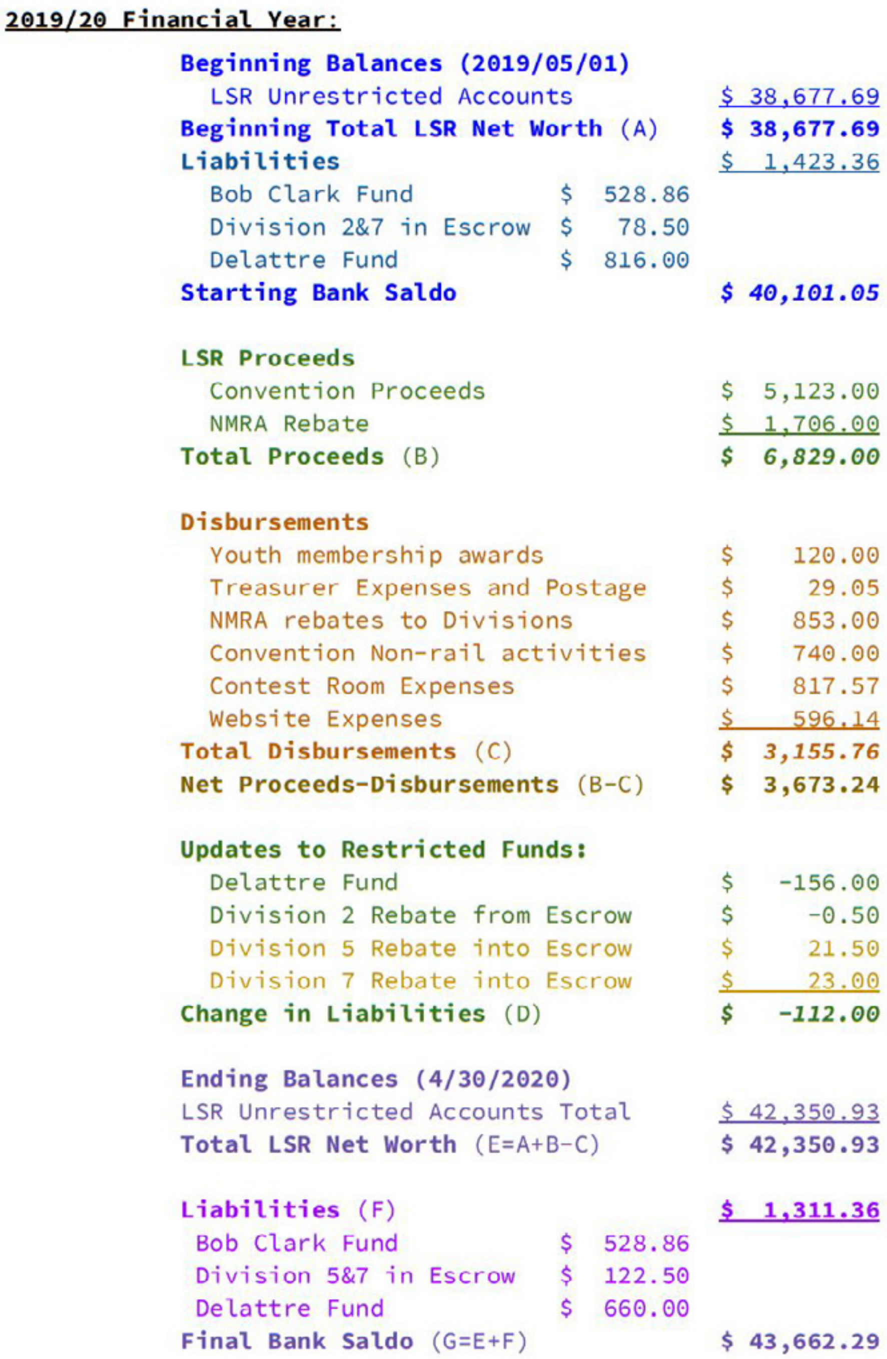

2019/20 Financial Year:

Beginning Balances (2019/05/01)		
LSR Unrestricted Accounts		$ 38,677.69
Beginning Total LSR Net Worth (A)		**$ 38,677.69**
Liabilities		$ 1,423.36
Bob Clark Fund	$ 528.86	
Division 2&7 in Escrow	$ 78.50	
Delattre Fund	$ 816.00	
Starting Bank Saldo		***$ 40,101.05***
LSR Proceeds		
Convention Proceeds		$ 5,123.00
NMRA Rebate		$ 1,706.00
Total Proceeds (B)		***$ 6,829.00***
Disbursements		
Youth membership awards		$ 120.00
Treasurer Expenses and Postage		$ 29.05
NMRA rebates to Divisions		$ 853.00
Convention Non-rail activities		$ 740.00
Contest Room Expenses		$ 817.57
Website Expenses		$ 596.14
Total Disbursements (C)		***$ 3,155.76***
Net Proceeds-Disbursements (B-C)		**$ 3,673.24**
Updates to Restricted Funds:		
Delattre Fund		$ -156.00
Division 2 Rebate from Escrow		$ -0.50
Division 5 Rebate into Escrow		$ 21.50
Division 7 Rebate into Escrow		$ 23.00
Change in Liabilities (D)		***$ -112.00***
Ending Balances (4/30/2020)		
LSR Unrestricted Accounts Total		$ 42,350.93
Total LSR Net Worth (E=A+B-C)		**$ 42,350.93**
Liabilities (F)		**$ 1,311.36**
Bob Clark Fund	$ 528.86	
Division 5&7 in Escrow	$ 122.50	
Delattre Fund	$ 660.00	
Final Bank Saldo (G=E+F)		**$ 43,662.29**

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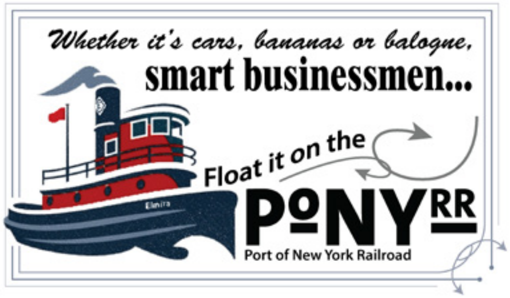
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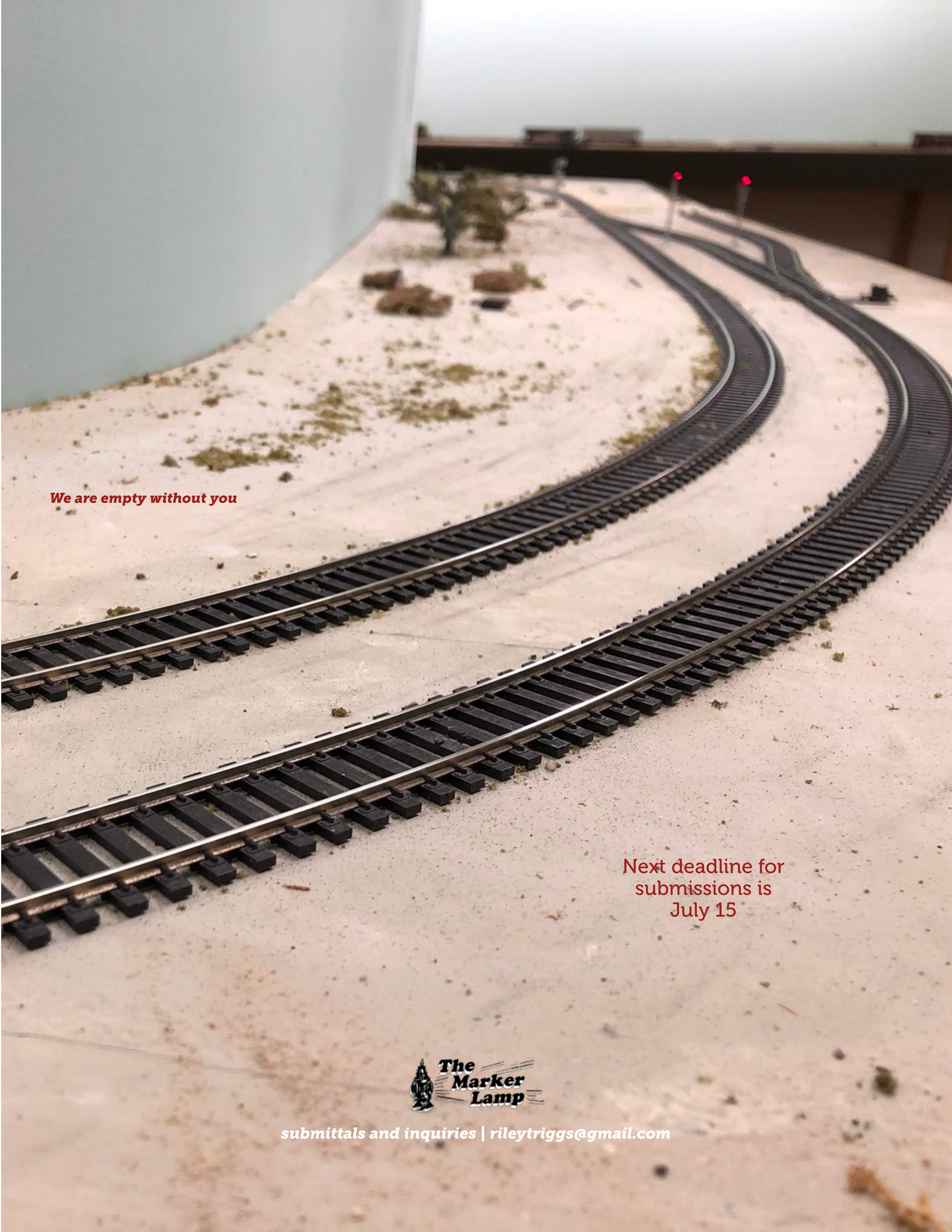

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Next deadline for submissions is July 15

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